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THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1898.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the Lake Street Church, Elmira, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1898, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Joseph Gamble, D. D., of the Presbytery of Champlain, on I Cor. xii. 31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
William Force Whitaker.	James Rodgers.
Josiah Still.	Tallmadge Parsons.
Charles A. Richmond.	

II. BINGHAMTON.

John McVey, D. D.	Theodore C. Thorpe.
Samuel Dunham.	Henry C. Knight (2).
A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.	
Frank W. Kirwan.	

III. BOSTON.

William C. Lindsay, Ph. D.

IV. BROOKLYN.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John A. Billingsly.	Charles Henderson.
Joseph G. Snyder.	John J. Tower (2).
James N. Grace.	Ithamar Dubois.
George L. McClelland.	Verranus Morse, M. D.
Frederick T. Steele.	James M. Ham.
Walter Rockwood Ferris.	John McCutcheon.

V. BUFFALO.

William Waith, Ph. D.	Horace Briggs.
Henry Ward, D. D.	James Post (2).
Samuel T. Clarke.	William R. Smallwood.
Henry Elliott Mott.	Chauncey G. Talcott.
Newton L. Reed.	Edward H. Wahl (2).
S. Horace Beshgetour.	

VI. CAYUGA.

Wallace B. Lucas, D. D.	William H. Van Sickle.
Frederick W. Palmer.	
E. Lloyd Jones.	
James S. Stubblefield.	

VII. CHAMPLAIN.

Joseph Gamble, D. D.	Hiram W. Cady.
Norman McLeod.	John R. Edwards.

VIII. CHEMUNG.

Allen F. De Camp.	Reuben Thurston.
Albert Livermore.	Alfred Barteau.
Harry C. Schuler.	Emmett B. Russell (2).
	Hiram B. Jackson (2).

IX. CHILE.

X. COLUMBIA.

George C. Yeisley, D. D.	Elmer Van Vleet.
Albert B. Judson (2).	

XI. EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. GENESEE.

Cassius H. Dibble.	Eugene P. Norton (2).
Hiram W. Congdon.	Frank C. Adams.

XIII. GENEVA.

Ministers	*Ruling Elders.*
Henry P. Hamilton.	Herman A. Carmer.
Henry A. Porter.	H. Joel Rice.
William W. Weller.	Firman R. Rappleye.
Ebenezer B. McGhee.	

XIV. HUDSON.

Theron Brittain.	Eugene Smith.
David Winters (2).	J. Henry Decker.
Paul Martin.	Warner E. Sprague.
Joseph McC. Leiper.	Winthrop S. Gilman.
L. William Hones.	George H. King.

XV. LONG ISLAND.

William H. Littell.	Samuel N. Davis.
Arthur Newman.	Gilbert D. Rogers.
Charles E. Craven.	

XVI. LYONS.

Luther A. Ostrander, D. D.	Edwin C. Sedgwick.
John A. Black.	James C. Osborne.

XVII. NASSAU.

Kneeland P. Ketcham, D. D.	John Hanson.
Lyman D. Calkins.	J. Milton Bergen.
J. Howard Hobbs.	

XVIII. NEW YORK.

George W. F. Birch, D. D., LL. D.	William E. Stiger.
Joseph R. Kerr, D. D.	Henry W. Jessup.
James Chambers, D. D.	John Stewart.
Jesse F. Forbes, Ph. D.	Silas B. Brownell.
Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.	Scott Foster.
David G. Wylie, D. D.	J. Thomson Paterson.
Henry M. Tyndall.	Charles W. Balch.
John Balcom Shaw, D. D.	Silas A. Brush.
Abbott L. R. Waite.	Robert Begges.
Maitland Alexander, D. D.	

XIX. NIAGARA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Samuel A. Freeman, D. D.	Edward Hayward, Ph. D. (2).
Erastus W. Twichell.	Ovid K. Manning.
Alfred T. Vail.	William Smithson.

XX. NORTH LAOS.

XXI. NORTH RIVER.

James A. McGowan, (2).	William W. Smith.
William P. Swartz.	James Sutherland.
Hugh Russell Fraser (2).	

XXII. OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson.	Laverne C. Keyes.
Ariel McMaster.	
George B. Swinnerton.	

XXIII. ROCHESTER.

Levi Parsons, D. D.	William A. Brodie.
George C. Frost.	Frank S. Stebbins.
Daniel M. Countermine.	Bowker Hinckley.
Richard D. Harlan.	Archibald McColl.
Frank E. Bancroft (2).	Daniel W. Fish (2).
Tillman S. Rush, D. D.	
Frederick N. Lindsay.	
Joseph B. Ferguson.	

XXIV. ST. LAWRENCE.

William H. Niles.	DeAlton Dwight.
Allen Macy Dulles (2).	Prof. Orange W. Dodge (2).
James Robertson.	
W. Courtland Robinson.	

XXV. SIAM.

XXVI. STEUBEN.

Samuel W. Pratt.	Myron Hurlbut.
Evan R. Evans, Ph. D.	Eugene F. Parker (2).
William A. Reid, Ph. D.	Samuel J. De Pew.
Charles L. Luther.	J. Albert Parker (2).

XXVII. SYRACUSE.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Cyrus P. Osborne.	Osbert E. Messenger.
Isaac Swift.	Joseph M. Tallcot.
George W. Newman (2).	
Edward A. McMaster.	
Robert Ivey.	
Hugh W. Jones.	

XXVIII. TROY.

Edward P. Sprague, D. D.	George W. Eddy (2).
Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D.	Horace B. Silliman, LL. D.
William Reed, D. D.	William H. Hollister, Jr.
Charles H. Van Wie.	Daniel H. Ayers (2).
Arthur Huntington Allen.	William H. Sherman.
George Fairlee.	
Joseph P. White.	

XXIX. UTICA.

Theodore F. Jessup.	William Young.
Ralph W. Brokaw.	Henry F. Winchester, M. D. (2).
Walter Mitchell.	
Edward C. Petrie.	

XXX. WESTCHESTER.

Thomas C. Straus.	William L. Odell.
Charles S. Lane.	George W. Banks (2).
George R. Cutting.	A. Noel Blakeman.
John A. Ingham.	Sanford R. Knapp.
Joseph H. Robinson.	Ralph E. Prime, LL. D.
Will A. Babbit.	Ransom E. Wilcox.
John Alison.	Hezekiah King (2).

The Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., of the Presbytery of Binghamton, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and the Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D. D., of the Presbytery of Niagara, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Samuel W. Pratt presented to the Moderator a gavel made from wood taken from the church edifice at Wheeler,

N. Y., of which Dr. Marcus Whitman was once a Trustee and Elder, and it was accepted by the Moderator in fitting words.

The Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended to the Synod a hearty welcome, and reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the daily business sessions be from half-past nine o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock noon, and from two o'clock P. M. until five o'clock P. M.

2. That the daily devotional services, to continue for half an hour, begin at nine o'clock A. M., and be conducted on Wednesday by Rev. Samuel Dunham, on Thursday by Rev. Henry Ward, D. D., and on Friday by Rev. Joseph R. Kerr, D. D.

3. That on Wednesday, at ten o'clock A. M., Rev. John Dixon, D. D., be heard in behalf of Home Misssions, and that at half-past ten o'clock A. M. Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

4. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on Wednesday, at two o'clock P. M., the service to be conducted by Rev. Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D., assisted by Ruling Elders of the Lake Street Church, Herbert M. Daggett, Homer H. Stevens, John J. Curtis and Fred. M. Howell; and that the members of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions be invited to participate in the service.

5. That after the Communion there shall follow the first of two sessions, arranged by the Committee appointed last year, for the commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards, at which addresses will be delivered by Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., and Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D. D.; and that the second session arranged by the Committee be held in the First Church on Wednesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, addresses to be delivered by Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., and Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D. The first session to be presided over by Rev. Joseph Gamble, D. D., and the second by the Moderator.

6. That delegates be requested to present their railway certificates on Wednesday to Mr. Lewis J. Boak, in order to obtain reduced rates for return tickets. A representative of the Trunk Line Association will be in attendance on Thursday only to endorse certificates which shall have been approved by Mr. Boak.

7. That the members of the Synod and of the Woman's Home Mission Committee convene on Thursday evening at Elmira College to participate in a reception tendered to them and to their friends by the President and faculty, between the hours of half-past seven and half-past eight o'clock.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Rev. JAMES CHAMBERS, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Joseph Gamble, George W. F. Birch, Samuel T Clarke, Wallace B. Lucas, George C. Yeisley, William W. Weller, Theron Brittain, Luther A. Ostrander, William A. Reid.

Elders—Silas B. Brownell, Sanford R. Knapp, William A. Brodie, Horace Briggs, Henry W. Jessup, Verranus Morse, Laverne C. Keyes, Joseph M. Tallcot.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—John McVey, Levi Parsons, Henry Ward, Hiram W. Congdon, Ariel McMaster, Theodore F. Jessup, William Reed, Cyrus P. Osborne, Arthur H. Allen.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Herman A. Carmer, William W. Smith, James M. Ham, Franklin S. Stebbins, De Alton Dwight, William H. Van Sickle, Hiram W. Cady.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—James H. Robinson, Abbott L. R. Waite, Alfred T. Vail.

Elders—A. Noel Blakeman, William H. Sherman.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—John Stewart, William H. Hollister, Jr., Chauncey G. Talcott, William L. Odell, Osbert E. Messenger.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Thomas C. Straus, Arthur H. Allen, David G. Wylie, W. Courtland Robinson, George Fairlee, Erastus W. Twichell.

Elders—Firman R. Rappleye, Samuel N. Davis, Edwin C. Sedgwick, John Hanson.

6. Nomination of Visitors to Colleges, etc.:

Ministers—Frederick W. Palmer, Joseph R. Kerr, Samuel Dunham, William P. Swartz, J. Howard Hobbs.

Elders—James Rodgers, Silas A. Brush, Tallmadge Parsons, Theodore C. Thorpe.

7. Nomination of Woman's Committee on Home Missions:

Ministers—Jesse F. Forbes, Samuel W. Pratt, Edward P. Sprague, Ralph W. Brokaw, John A. Billingsly.

Elders—William Smithson, Reuben Thurston, Elmer Van Vleet, Frank C. Adams.

8. Nomination of Trustees of the Synod, etc.:

Ministers—William H. Littell, Wilton Merle Smith, Henry A. Porter, Henry Elliott Mott, Norman McLeod.

Elders—Scott Foster, Charles Henderson, Henry C. Knight, James Sutherland.

9. To Collate the Reports on the Records of the Presbyteries:

Ministers—William F. Whitaker, Maitland Alexander, Tillman S. Rush.

Elders—William E. Stiger, H. Joel Rice.

ON THE RECORD OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—John Alison, Charles L. Luther; *Elder*—Ransom E. Wilcox.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—William C. Lindsay, Josiah Still; *Elder*—William Young.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—George R. Cutting, Walter R. Ferris; *Elder*—John McCutcheon.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, Frank W. Kirwan; *Elder*—William R. Smallwood.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Henry P. Hamilton, James N. Grace; *Elder*—Alfred Barteau.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Joseph G. Snyder, George B. Swinnerton; *Elder*—Bowker Hinckley.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Frederick N. Lindsay, Hugh W. Jones; *Elder*—Ovid K. Manning.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Newton L. Reed, S. Horace Beshgetour; *Elder*—George H. King.

9. Chile: *Ministers*—Frederick T. Steele, Evan R. Evans; *Elder*—Eugene Smith.

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Daniel M. Countermine, Robert Ivey; *Elder*—Joseph M. Tallcot.

11. Eastern Persia. [No Records.]

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Isaac Swift, Joseph P. White; *Elder*—William H. Sherman.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Albert Livermore, Erastus W. Twichell; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—Norman McLeod, Harry C. Schuler; *Elder*—Elmer Van Vleet.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, James S. Stubblefield; *Elder*—Henry Decker.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—William H. Niles, E. Lloyd Jones; *Elder*—Charles W. Balch.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Henry M. Tyndall, Paul Martin; *Elder*—Robert Begges.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Cassius H. Dibble, Joseph B. Ferguson; *Elder*—Archibald McColl.

19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—W. Courtland Robinson, Will A. Babbit; *Elder*—Myron Hurlbut.

20. NORTH LAOS: *Ministers*—Walter Mitchell, John A. Ingham; *Elder*—William S. Odell.

21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Charles S. Lane, Charles H. Van Wie; *Elder*—Osbert E. Messenger.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Theophilus P. Sawin, Joseph McC. Leiper; *Elder*—Warner E. Sprague.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—Kneeland P. Ketcham, John A. Black; *Elder*—J. Milton Bergen.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Richard D. Harlan, Lyman D. Calkins; *Elder*—William Young.

25. SIAM: *Ministers*—Ralph W. Brokaw, Arthur W. Newman; *Elder*—Samuel N. Davis.

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—Charles E. Craven, John A. Black; *Elder*—Gilbert D. Rogers.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Samuel W. Pratt, Josiah Still; *Elder*—John Hanson.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—J. Howard Hobbs, L. William Hones; *Elder*—Winthrop S. Gilman.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—George C. Frost, Joseph H. Robinson; *Elder*—Daniel W. Fish.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Charles L. Luther, Frederick T. Steele; *Elder*—Tallmadge Parsons.

Overtures and other documents were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Printed copies of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting, and of the Docket of Business, were distributed.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The following Tables tell the story of the beneficence of the past year.

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

Boards.	1897.	1898.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$310,655	$309,435	$1,220	.....
Foreign Missions	168,314	183,085	.....	$14,771
Education	26,449	14,955	11,494	.....
Sunday-School Work of Pub.	31,165	23,950	7,215	.....
Church Erection	26,265	17,988	8,277	.....
Ministerial Relief	20,860	21,116	.....	256
Freedmen	21,110	23,751	.....	2,641
Sus. or Synod. Aid	12,806	15,806	.....	3,000
Aid for Colleges	19,781	10,355	9,426	.....
Total	$637,405	$620,441	$37,632	$20,668
General Assembly	16,225	15,231	994	.....
Congregational	2,155,138	2,191,297	.....	36,159
Miscellaneous	212,451	210,069	2,382	.....
Grand Total	$3,021,219	$3,037,038	$41,008	$56,827

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

Boards.	1897.	1898.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$167,483	$137,377	$30,106	.....
Foreign Missions	95,447	88,917	6,530	.....
Education	11,765	11,715	50	.....
Sunday-School Work of Pub.	15,253	14,986	267	.....
Church Erection	12,215	12,198	17	.....
Ministerial Relief	19,839	22,074	.....	$2,235
Freedmen	19,175	21,857	.....	2,682
Sus. or Synod. Aid	7,879	15,806	.....	7,927
Aid for Colleges	6,692	6,096	596	.....
Total	$355,748	$331,026	$37,566	$12,844

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

Boards.	1897.	1898.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$31,669	$30,986	$683	.....
Education	3,835	3,704	131	.....
Church Erection	3,100	2,408	692	.....
Ministerial Relief	19,210	19,234	.....	$24
Total	$57,814	$56,332	$1,506	$24

IV. Comparison of Rates per Member.

Objects.	1897.	1898.	Loss.	Gain.	Whole Church in 1897.	Whole Church in 1898.
To all objects	$16.78	$17.00	.....	$0.22	$14.88	$13.83
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	12.08	12.35	.....	.27	10.48	10.56
To Benevolence at Large	4.72	4.65	$0.07	.....	3.69	3.28
To Boards of the Church	1.98	1.85	.13	.....	.....	.....

V. Comparison of Presbyteries as to Collections Omitted.

Presbyteries.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday-School Work.	Church Education.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Synodical.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Presbyteries in Order of Percentage of Collections.
Albany	50	1	2	6	4	8	6	7	5	8	47	450	403	Steuben 91.7%
Binghamton	32	4	5	8	5	9	7	8	8	7	61	288	227	Hudson....91.5
Boston	41	8	9	17	12	12	14	16	28	22	138	369	231	Albany 89.6
Brooklyn	35	1	..	5	6	5	3	4	14	10	48	315	267	Long Island...88.0
Buffalo	47	1	3	16	8	17	13	12	11	18	99	423	324	Westchester ...87.3
Cayuga	23	1	1	11	5	11	8	7	10	6	60	207	147	Geneva 85.9
Champlain	26	4	6	9	6	9	11	6	13	12	76	234	158	Brooklyn 84.8
Chemung	23	1	2	12	6	13	12	12	13	12	83	207	124	Nassau 82.5
Columbia	19	1	2	7	4	6	6	6	6	9	47	171	124	Troy....82.4
Genesee	20	2	5	7	4	9	7	4	6	9	53	180	127	Utica 82.2
Geneva	22	1	1	3	3	3	3	4	6	4	28	198	170	New York....81.7
Hudson	44	1	3	4	3	4	1	3	10	5	34	396	362	Rochester....79.2
Long Island	24	0	..	4	4	4	3	2	3	6	26	216	190	Binghamton ..78.8
Lyons	18	2	2	5	3	7	6	4	6	8	43	162	119	Buffalo 76.6
Nassau	26	3	2	6	5	4	4	4	9	5	42	234	192	North River...75 2
New York	54	2	2	8	4	10	7	10	28	18	89	486	397	Lyons 74.1
Niagara	21	0	1	11	4	10	9	6	13	10	64	189	125	Columbia....73.1
North River	31	3	2	13	7	8	6	7	11	12	69	279	210	Cayuga....71.1
Otsego	25	2	3	12	5	12	10	8	8	13	73	225	152	Genesee....70.6
Rochester	47	3	..	17	6	16	12	6	12	16	88	423	335	St. Lawrence..70.0
St. Lawrence	34	5	6	12	8	14	8	10	13	16	92	366	214	Syracuse....68.7
Steuben	24	0	..	2	..	..	3	4	6	3	18	216	198	Otsego....67.6
Syracuse	44	4	5	17	8	18	16	18	17	21	124	396	272	Champlain 67.5
Troy	41	0	1	8	4	11	9	9	10	13	65	369	304	Niagara.. ....66.2
Utica	46	3	2	8	5	7	7	9	19	13	73	414	341	Chemung....64.8
Westchester	40	2	4	7	3	5	4	4	10	7	46	360	314	Boston....62.6
Total	857	93	69	235	132	232	195	190	295	283	1686	7713	6027	Average 77.4

In congregational expenses there has been an increase of $36,159.

In contributions to miscellaneous objects there has been a decrease of $2,382.

In contributions to objects represented by the Boards there has been a falling off of $16,964.

In actual receipts by the Boards there has been a loss in six out of the nine causes, a net loss of $24,722.

In payments by the Boards to the Synod there has been a decrease of $1,482.

In average gifts per member there has been an increase in congregational expenses of $0.27.

In general benevolence a decrease of $0.07, and in gifts to the Boards a decrease of $0.13.

In the number of collections taken in the Churches for the Boards there has been an increase of 225.

Compared with 1888, while the Churches of the Synod have gained about 25,000 members, the gifts to the Boards have decreased about $170,000.

From 1889 the decrease is.....$154,000
From 1892 the decrease is..... 116,000
From 1893 the decrease is..... 107,000

In actual receipts by the Boards:

The decrease from 1889 is..... 58,000
The decrease from 1890 is..... 47,000
The decrease from 1892 is..... 67,000
The decrease from 1893 is..... 66,000

If the proportion of gifts per member in 1888 had been kept up—with no advance in ten years—we should be giving to the Boards this year $921,730, instead of $620,441; on the ratio of 1889, $903,867.

In the last decade, 1888 to 1898, the number of members in Synod has increased one-sixth, while the gifts to the Boards have decreased more than one-fifth. In 1890 there were 2,544 blanks; in 1898, 1,684 blanks.

The best Presbytery, in 1890, gave 84 per cent. of possible collections; in 1898 Steuben reports nearly 92 per cent.

While there have been small gains here and there, they have been hopelessly submerged by an overwhelming mass of losses. The only gain of any amount is in Congregational Expenses, and that is not Benevolence at all. If the losses were only temporary or occasional we should not worry; but when, for a period of ten years, the Synod has been losing ground, when, so far from gaining in proportion to our increase in members, we have been actually losing to the extent of twenty cents out of every dollar, it looks as if there were something rotten in the State of Denmark. It is no temporary or slight indisposition in the body ecclesiastic. We cannot help asking ourselves, and others may justly ask us, Is this the Church of Christ advancing on its triumphal march, bright as the sun, fair as the moon, terrible as an army with banners, or is it like that disorganized rabble of Israelites who wandered for forty years in the desert without advancing a single foot? When we examine the statistics we find that the most serious losses are in the larger and stronger churches. There are no doubt palliating circumstances in many of these churches; but we are sure that their excuses in most cases do not excuse.

It must be evident that a considerable number of our Churches are not loyal to the Boards, and that, as a Synod, we are not coming up to our duty and our ability in the matter of beneficence.

Where shall we place the responsibility? It is either in the principle of Systematic Beneficence or in its application. The first we may pass over. No one doubts that Systematic Beneficence is rational, Scriptural, Presbyterian, and therefore imperative.

The fault, then, is somewhere else. Is it the rank and file of our members who are to blame? In part, no doubt, the great body of our Church is neither very well informed, nor very enthusiastic in the matter of Church Beneficence. But it will respond if rightly led.

We are saying to the Boards, by our failure to contribute, stop your work, call back one out of every five of your missionaries, shut the doors of one out of every five of your mission schools.

This does not need to be. We can double our contributions. We can easily take care of all our benevolent work. We must reach down from the Synod to each Presbytery, from the Presbytery to each Minister and Church, and then the Sessions must get hold of each Church member and urge him to give to our benevolent work.

But we believe that the most prolific cause of our failure is the prevailing method of contributing. We make contributions for the Boards in most Churches by the anonymous plate collection.

When we raise money for Church support we pursue no such method, but adopt some form of the pledge system. If we were in earnest about our benevolence we should not be satisfied with our present slipshod methods; we should insist upon the best possible way and not upon the worst possible.

These are the things, then, which we urge upon the Synod; the stimulating of the Ministers and Elders through the Presbyteries, and the adoption of a more efficient method of contributing.

We pray "Thy kingdom come." We mourn the low state of religion in our Churches. We pray for an outpouring of God's blessing. But one condition we have not fulfilled. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." It is recommended:

1. That the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery be requested to forward to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence the name and address of the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee.

2. That we commend to the Presbyteries the plan proposed by the General Assembly's Committee, and instruct them to urge upon the Churches the adoption of some form of the pledge system for securing contributions to the Boards.

3. That the Presbyteries enforce the order of Synod requiring the Churches that fail to contribute to all the Boards to explain the cause of such failure at the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

4. That this Committee be paid $10 for additional expenses in the past year, and that $25 be granted the Committee for the current year.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred, as follows:

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

1. A Complaint of Rev. Charles S. Lane and others against the Presbytery of Westchester.

2. An Appeal and Complaint of Herman Warszaviak against the Presbytery of New York.

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence in regard to printing a complete roll of the Ruling Elders of the Synod.

2. A Paper from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence in relation to the Adams Collegiate Institute.

3. A communication from the American Sabbath Union.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted, after an address by Rev. John Dixon, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Assembly's Board:

1. Your Committee has attempted to aid the Board by means of circulars calculated to stimulate the interest of Pastors in the work of Missions for our own country.

2. Your Committee heartily welcomes to his work, as Secretary of the Board, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., and also Rev. John Dixon, D. D., as Assistant Secretary.

3. Your Committee takes pleasure in noting the apparently increased interest in Home Missions manifested by the gifts of Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools, and commends to churches whose schools and societies are not giving to Home Missions to take up the practice, both for the sake of encouraging the young in giving, and of interesting them in Mission work.

4. Your Committee expresses gratitude for the noble work done by the Women's Societies, which, in many churches, exceeds that done through the direct church offerings on the Lord's Day.

5. Your Committee regrets that the Synod as a whole has not increased its offerings during the past year over those of the year preceding. In the year 1896 to 1897 the Board reported $30,000 more from this Synod than during the year 1897 to 1898. There has been a marked decline in many Presbyteries. We do not mention them by name, but suggest that the Presbyterial Committees look into the matter to ascertain the causes of decline.

Your Committee is, indeed, convinced that the fault is generally on the part of the Pastors in not presenting the object properly, rather than of the congregations in refusing to give. And it is also of the opinion that bad methods of raising money explain, in part, the deficiency. While it would not be wise to stereotype methods, yet it certainly seems unwise to leave to one or two Sundays the burden of raising funds for a great work like that of Home Missions.

Your Committee has no resolutions to present, but, with more feeling and urgency than can be put into words, it expresses the hope that nothing shall be allowed to diminish the zeal or dampen the enthusiasm of any one in this great Synod for our national or Home Mission work.

Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following recommendations in Judicial Case No. 2, which were adopted:

1. That the papers in the case of Herman Warszaviak *vs.* the Presbytery of New York be found in order.

2. That the Complaint and Appeal be consolidated, and referred for trial to a Judicial Commission consisting of nine Ministers and eight Elders.

A cordial invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association of Elmira, to the members of the Synod, to make free use of its rooms during the sessions, was presented, and accepted with thanks.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following recommendation in Judicial Case No. 1, which was adopted:

That the papers in the Complaint of Rev. Charles S. Lane and six others against the Presbytery of Westchester be found in order, and that the case be referred for trial to a Judicial Commission consisting of eight Ministers and eight Elders.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered according to arrangement.

The Vice-Moderator took the chair.

The following Judicial Commissions were announced:

Judicial Case No. 1: Ministers—Joseph R. Kerr, Samuel T. Clarke, David G. Wylie, William C. Lindsay, Wallace B. Lucas, Walter R. Ferris, Albert Livermore, William H. Littell; Elders—Robert Begges, James Sutherland, De Alton Dwight, Scott Foster, William Young, Eugene Smith, Elmer Van Vleet, H. Joel Rice.

Judicial Case No. 2: Ministers—Hiram W. Congdon, James H. Robinson, Levi Parsons, Edward P. Sprague, Thomas C. Straus, Isaac Swift, David Winters, Frank E. Bancroft, Ebenezer B. McGhee; Elders—Herman A. Carmer, Charles Henderson, Winthrop S. Gilman, Frank C. Adams, Hezekiah King, Reuben Thurston, Horace Briggs, James Rodgers.

According to arrangement, services were held in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Westminster

Standards. The Rev. Joseph Gamble, D. D., presided, and Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., delivered an address on "The Standards and the Cross."

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

Few reports have been received from the Presbyterial Committees, notwithstanding the repeated direction of the Synod to forward the same to your Committee. Buffalo, Cayuga, Nassau, Rochester, Steuben and Westchester are the only Presbyteries sending reports worthy of the name. Fortunately we are not left to these sources to ascertain the results of this very important branch of church activity. By order of the General Assembly its Stated Clerk has collected fairly full statistics, from which we compile these for the Synod: Christian Endeavor Societies, 563; Junior Societies, 245; Union Societies, 4; Independent Societies, 53; Young People's Missionary Societies—male 41, female 155, mixed 30. Societies of King's Daughters, King's Messengers, Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip, and Boys' Brigades are also reported.

The Assembly recognized the great work accomplished by the Young People of our church, and expressed its appreciation of their earnest spirit and faithful labors, and bade them God-speed in their work. From the reports of the Boards we find that the Societies in the Synod contributed during the year $9,041 for Foreign Missions, $6,450 for Home Missions and $199 for the Freedmen, a total of $15,698.

From the fuller report of the State Christian Endeavor Union, it appears that there are 743 Christian Endeavor Societies connected with the Synod, with about 50,000 members and 410 Junior Societies, with 16,500 members. This indicates that 800 of our 812 churches have some kind of a Young People's organization and that over half have Junior Societies, besides the 136 missionary and other organizations.

These Societies have now become a permanent factor in the instrumentality of the Church. Their novelty has worn off and early enthusiasm has given place to steady work. The time has come when they may be judged by their fruits, and the question fairly arises whether their effect on the Church has been such as to give them a place by the side of the Sunday School as an established agency in Church work.

We may not forget that every one of these Societies pledges its members to pray and read the Bible every day and, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, to strive to do what He would like to have them do, and to try to lead a Christian life. They also sustain weekly Prayer Meetings, in which the members are trained in prayer, in connection with monthly Missionary Meetings, and their offerings to missions have averaged 41 cents per member, while some of them support missionaries directly.

Great things should be expected of such an organization of the youth of the Church. It is impossible to overestimate the relative value of this period

of their lives to their individual future, and to the future of the country and the Church.

From statistics carefully collated by Rev. Francis E. Clarke, D. D., President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, it appears that during the decade before the Christian Endeavor movement had fairly started (1875–1884) the average annual addition to the Presbyterian Church was 33,384. From 1885–1889 it was 50,879; from 1890–1894 it was 60,183, an average for the decade of 55,557; and for the years 1895–1897 it was 63,268. Thirty-six per cent. of the Associate Members became active in one year, showing a ratio of conversion much larger than that of the growth of the Church. A movement which has had so large a part in almost doubling the growth of the Church, and in adding to it the youth, who promise long service, should be tenderly cherished. The Sessions are urged to foster these Societies and use them to the utmost in every kind of Church work, and especially to seek the spiritual development of their members. Special attention is called to the necessity of choosing for the Superintendency of our Junior Societies the very best talent in the Church. This responsible position is worthy of the highest ambition for usefulness.

It is to be feared that our Presbyteries are overlooking or underrating the importance of the work among our young people. While great good may come from interdenominational conventions, we should also by Presbyterial meetings and in other ways promote an enthusiastic loyalty to their own Church among these organizations.

We most heartily commend the Christian Endeavor and other Societies of our young people, and wish them God-speed in all their work for Christ and His Church.

In view of the fact that this Committee is larger than other like committees we recommend that it be reduced to seven members; and that the following constitute the Committee: *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Alfred J. Hutton, Warren D. More, Louis F. Ruf; *Elders*—Richard H. Bloom, Harry C. Heermans, Alexander Davidson.

The Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

Auburn Seminary has special cause for congratulation at this time. 1. In the resuscitation, under the efficient supervision of its President, of all the features of its representative form of government, several of which had been permitted to fall into desuetude. 2. In the increase of the number of matriculated students, 104 during the last scholastic year, of whom 47 entered since the last report, 3 to a graduate class, 9 to the senior class, and 2 to the middle class. Forty-two seniors received their diplomas. 3. In the financial outlook. For the first time in its history the Trustees of the Seminary have reported the receipts equal to the expenditures, with a balance on hand, small, indeed, but better on the credit than on the debit side. Let it not be supposed from this fact that the Seminary has all the funds it needs for the proper and

more effective prosecution of its work. It is only saying that, by careful economy, the Trustees have kept their expenses within the bounds of their income, a fact which should commend the Seminary to the enlarged benefactions of the Synod.

"It is the aim of Auburn to make Preachers of the Gospel," said President Booth to the Chairman of your Committee. If the young men who preached on the commencement stage are a fair sample of its work, it aims straight at the mark for the prize of this high calling. With a wide range of topics, in handling doctrinal, exegetical, historical and sociological subjects, all exalted Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men, and His gospel as the sovereign panacea for the ills of the world.

The reports of the Examining Committees were uniformly commendatory and even enthusiastic. The general character of the work required and done has kept pace with the increased prosperity. Special commendation is given of the broader textual study of the New Testament, and of the sociological work, forming almost a department by itself. Settlement and institutional questions are also receiving serious attention. The tone is irenic to a marked degree.

All goes to show that Auburn Seminary stands in the front rank of the great institutions of learning of the Presbyterian Church, and that it has the right to claim and receive the full confidence of the Synod under whose care it has continued since its organization in 1820, and of the General Assembly to which it is loyally allied. The roll of honored Divines who have constituted its Faculty in the past, their worthy successors who efficiently fill the professorial chairs at present, the list of eminent Ministers whom it has graduated, and whose fame is in all the churches abundantly testify, not so much that "the time has come for Auburn men to lift up their heads," as that they have never had cause to lower them before other institutions of like faith and polity.

The Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee visited the College, October 10th and 11th, and was cordially received and royally entertained by Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D.D., the President, who, with all the members of the Faculty, heartily reciprocated the good feeling conveyed in the salutations of the Synod.

It affords the Committee great pleasure to report that on every hand were seen indications of prosperity and progress. In its long and honorable history never has this venerable institution of learning been so flourishing in so many desirable ways as now. President Stryker is the right man in the right place. The members of the Faculty and of the Board of Trustees are giving him most loyal and efficient support in his administration; while the alumni are responding to the new inspiration with new zeal for the welfare of their Alma Mater.

Among the many things calling for congratulation is the greatly improved financial condition of the College; for, though a larger endowment is needed to enable the authorities to do what they should and would do, yet the college is now on a firm financial basis, having, in addition to its grounds, buildings, and equipment about half a million dollars in productive funds. But another half-million dollars is required for the proper maintenance and highest efficiency of Hamilton in its larger outlook and outreaching. There is a most pressing need for more scholarships to assist worthy young men who are unable to pursue a college course without financial aid. The number of students could at once be largely increased if such scholarships were available. Two thousand dollars will found a scholarship whose benefits will be perpetually enjoyed by some student and the college alike. To friends of Hamilton, as to all those seeking to use their means for the glory of God and the good of humanity, your Committee would warmly commend the founding of such scholarships.

But, while such are the financial needs, yet for the number of students usually enrolled, there are no better appliances for instruction to be had anywhere in this country. There are now upwards of 160 students, who are none of them under mere tutors, as in the large universities, but who are all under professors eminently qualified to impart instruction in their various departments. These, being eighteen in number, are easily able to compass their work, and to come into daily contact with each student, and thus to exert an individual influence, such as is impossible in the large universities. Not only are these professors thoroughly equipped for their work, but the recent improvements at Hamilton have placed in their hands the very best facilities. The Committee of last year reported, as in course of erection, a Hall of Languages, the gift of H. H. Benedict, Esq., of the class of 1869, at a cost of $25,000, and the Root Memorial Hall of Science, the gift of Hon. Elihu Root, of the class of 1864, at a cost of $40,000; besides an enlargement of the Chapel, at an expense of $5,000, the gift of Horace B. Silliman, LL. D. These several structures are completed, and are all that could be desired, whether for beauty or utility. Competent judges have pronounced the Hall of Languages and the Hall of Science to be among the best arranged and equipped of any such buildings in the land; while the practically new chapel, with its handsome furnishings and new pipe-organ, will generally be conceded to be excelled by none in either the loveliness or fitness of its appointments. It was inspiring to see the fine-looking body of students assembled for morning prayers in this beautiful place of worship. These handsome new buildings have had a most wholesome influence on the students. It is declared that they have added not only to the pleasure, but to the dignity of the students. They hold the buildings as a sacred trust; and, though they have occupied them for several months, they have done absolutely nothing to mar or deface them. So marked has been the advantage of the new buildings that President Stryker is encouraged to press forward for the securing of other desired structures. A new Hall of Philosophy has already taken shape in his brain, and the vision will doubtless ere long become a reality.

It is further reason for rejoicing that there prevails at the College the most admirable discipline, while the students have the utmost confidence in those having authority over them, esteeming them not as hard task-masters, but as friends seeking to help them in the way of knowledge.

Finally, the Synod will be pleased to know that, as in the olden days of Hamilton, there still obtain strong religious influences. In addition to the regular morning prayers and the regular Lord's Day morning worship in the chapel, which all the students are required to attend, there are, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., two general prayer meetings during the week, while each of the four classes has its class prayer meeting and observes in addition an hour for Bible study each week.

From every point of view, then, we can put our highest endorsement upon Hamilton College, and commend it alike to parents with sons to educate, and philanthropists with gifts to bestow.

The Permanent Committee on Missions for Freedmen presented the following report, which was accepted:

For the last six months, from April to October, 1898, the collections for this object have fallen about $1,000 below those of the same period last year. This alarming decrease is found to have been among the stronger churches, and doubtless is owing to their efforts to relieve the Home and Foreign Boards. It is hoped that all pastors will endeavor to see that this serious deficit is made up during the remainder of the year.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were laid upon the table.

Elder Roswell C. Main, a delegate from the Presbytery of Albany, sent reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

Adjourned until Thursday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held at the First Church in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards. The Vice-Moderator presided, and an address on "The Presbyterian Heritage," was given by Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D.,

and an address on "The Spirit of the Westminster Assembly in the Future of Presbyterianism," by Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D.

THURSDAY, October 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

On the recommendation of the Committee to collate the reports of the Examining Committees, the Records of the following Presbyteries were approved as far as written:—Binghamton, Brooklyn, Champlain, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, New York, Otsego, Rochester, Siam, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows, and its recommendations were adopted:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, asking that the Synod print a complete list of the Ruling Elders within its bounds.

It is recommended that the Overture be answered in the negative.

2. A Paper from the same Presbytery, conveying an offer of the Adams Collegiate Institute to the Presbyterian Church on the fulfilment of certain conditions, and signifying the unanimous approval of the Presbytery.

It is recommended that no action be taken, on account of insufficient information.

3. A Communication from the American Sabbath Union.

It is recommended that it be referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, addressed the Synod, and the following Minute was adopted:

The Synod is happy to renew its endorsement, often given, of the work of this Committee in maintaining the day of rest. Its successful prosecution of its work for forty years has justly gained for it the approval of good citizens of all classes. The Synod bespeaks for it the co-operation of all its con-

gregations in supporting the laws which protect the Lord's Day, and in resisting hostile legislation.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions presented its report, which was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report:

The execution of the new plan has been carried out along the lines laid down by the Synod. The detail work has been done by the Executive Committee, to which the powers of the Permanent Committee in the interim of its meetings have been delegated. The headquarters of the Committee were established at 30 Broad Street, New York, immediately after the organization in November, 1897, at Utica.

January, 1898, had been fixed as the date on and after which the Synod would make the experiment of self-support. A conference was arranged with the Finance Committee of the Board of Home Missions and a plan of coöperation agreed upon, under which the Home Board continued the payment of all salaries accruing upon the commissions which had already been issued by the Home Board expiring from month to month, with the understanding that such reimbursement should be made to them in the event of a surplus in the treasury as the Synod should be enabled to make at the end of the fiscal year. As these commissions severally expired, the Synod recommissioned the incumbents in the various fields, and thereafter their salaries were paid from the funds in the hands of the Synodical Treasurer. By these means only was it possible for the Synod to meet, from the contributions made during this experimental year, the salaries on commissions for which it was liable New work or increased appropriation in old fields has been granted in but very few exceptional cases where the need was most urgent.

Three Presbyteries did not see their way clear to coming into co-operation with the Plan in the manner contemplated by the Synod: Buffalo, which has been supporting its own home mission work for some time, conceived it to be its duty to continue on its present lines for the time being, but manifested its sympathy with the Plan by contributing $75.00 to the Synodical fund. Cayuga, having been for some time raising its funds in advance to meet the work mapped out within its bounds, and having already raised the funds necessary for the current year and assumed obligations to its missionaries, conceived it to be impracticable to depart at once from this plan. But this Presbytery also manifested its sympathy by promising a contribution, not yet paid, towards the salary of the Synodical Superintendent. Syracuse notified the Executive Committee, that it had decided to cut loose from the Synod and manage its own home mission work. No contribution has been received from this Presbytery. The following table summarizes all the facts of financial import. Special attention is called to it.

Presbytery	Communicant strength.	No. churches aided by Synod.	Am't salaries payable annually under commissions.	Quota payable at rate of 25 cts. per member.	Am't salaries paid by Home Board under commissions Jan. 1, 1898 Oct. 1, 1898.	Am't salaries paid by Synod under commissions issued.	Contributed to Home Board for general Home Mission work.	Contributed to Synod for Synodical Home Missions.
Albany	10,651	7	$1,175 00	$2,663 00	$854 16	$172 50	$1,954 71	$1,431 66
Binghamton	5,828	6	1,000 00	1,457 00	779 15	116 66	1,169 44	619 71
Brooklyn	13,808	4	1,110 00	3,452 00	391 66	605 00	3,740 84	557 62
Buffalo	10,018	0		2,504 00	880 82		3,026 26	13 75
Cayuga	4,660	0		1,165 00			1,624 27	4 00
Champlain	2,111	3	600 00	528 00	241 67	233 32	136 11	117 01
Chemung	2,648	1	300 00	662 00	291 68	100 00	439 25	274 64
Columbia	2,023	3	470 00	506 00	499 99	98 87	434 82	304 65
Genesee	3,247	3	350 00	812 00	235 03	72 50	460 54	109 38
Geneva	5,517	3	350 00	1,381 00	383 33	66 66	1,700 26	463 73
Hudson	6,457	0		1,609 00	429 17		1,393 72	133 74
Long Island	3,827	2	75 00	957 00		37 50	913 44	190 36
Lyons	3,137	3	525 00	784 00	264 59	141 66	275 08	170 08
Nassau	3,661	2	450 00	915 00	422 91	195 83	744 85	279 53
New York	24,461	7	4,900 00	6,115 00	2,132 75	Incl. exp. 2,201 70	23,585 50	2,694 61
Niagara	3,056	2	100 00	764 00		50 01	308 66	105 73
North River	5,469	0		1,367 00			970 86	476 07
Otsego	3,382	3	500 00	845 00	622 93	136 91	781 97	217 25
Rochester	12,624	5	950 00	3,156 00	246 66	438 46	1,618 67	2,286 71
St. Lawrence	4,818	4	705 00	1,204 00	704 17	261 68	996 07	892 21
Steuben	4,001	5	800 00	1,000 00	393 75	225 00	648 69	293 85
Syracuse	7,181	0		1,795 00	448 35		674 44	7 97
Troy	8,218	7	1,350 00	2,054 00	720 83	529 01	1,492 52	481 61
Utica	8,795	4	625 00	2,199 00	633 25	138 85	1,253 40	859 68
Westchester	7,918	2	500 00	1,980 00	350 34	108 33	4,190 35	1,101 53
				41,874 00				
Boston (omitted under Plan)				Less Buffalo, Cayuga & Syracuse 5,464 00				
Total	167,496	76	$16,895 00	$36,410 00	$11,927 19	$5,930 45	$54,534 72	$14,093 08

Applications are about to come in from 17 churches, aided by the Home Board, under commissions expiring October to December, which, if granted, will increase the annual obligation of the Synod $3,874.80, making the total amount of salaries payable annually under the Synod's commissions, allowing for no increase in any of the Presbyteries, $19,894.80. From the Superintendent's report it will be seen that the increase asked for the coming year, along legitimate lines of expansion and development, will bring this up to a much larger sum. The amount actually contributed from the Presbyteries this year being in round numbers $14,000, and there being no payments to be expected from the Board during the coming year, if we are to support our own work entirely very little calculation will show that the amount which the Presbyteries must contribute to the Synodical treasury during the coming year must be more than doubled in order adequately to meet the burden assumed.

The distinction cannot be too much emphasized that the present Synodical Plan is distinct from the old Synodical Aid Fund. The difference is practical rather than theoretical: the old Fund was a fund or special account carried by the Board of Home Missions to which churches in New York could subscribe with a view to the application of their moneys to work within the bounds of the Synod; but from the nature of things, as then conditioned, any deficiency was met by the general treasury of the Board, and as a matter of fact, the gross receipts for this object during the previous year had amounted to only $7,791.70 throughout the whole State, including the Presbytery of New York; whereas the Home Mission expenditure within the State exceeded the sum of $40,000. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the amount to be raised for the work of Synodical missions this coming year be fixed at $40,000.

2. That Article XIII. (new Article XII.) of the plan be changed by striking out the words, "according to the number of communicants in each Presbytery," and substituting the words, "according to the financial ability of each Presbytery as indicated by its total contributions for all purposes as reported to the General Assembly during the preceding five years."

3. That each Presbytery raise its quota in such manner as it may deem advisable.

4. That the Executive Committee be authorized to continue appropriations for all work at present aided under this plan, and, in its discretion, to grant such new or additional aid as the funds in hand may from time to time warrant, on the basis of the following approximate estimate of the amounts needed in the various Presbyteries:

Albany	$1,975 00	Geneva	$ 650 00	Otsego	$1,050 00
Binghamton	2,350 00	Hudson	1,200 00	Rochester	1,450 00
Brooklyn	2,300 00	Long Island	250 00	St. Lawrence	1,130 00
Buffalo	3,500 00	Lyons	800 00	Steuben	1,000 00
Cayuga	1,400 00	Nassau	400 00	Syracuse	1,500 00
Champlain	1,350 00	New York	6,000 00	Troy	2,600 00
Chemung	950 00	Niagara	500 00	Utica	1,475 00
Columbia	1,000 00	North River	500 00	Westchester	950 00
Genesee	525 00				

5. That the Synod direct that all subscriptions or donations secured in aid of any church aided by the Synod or in aid of the minister or missionary of such church, be reported by said church or minister or missionary to the Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Missions and be by such committee reported to the Synodical Treasurer, for the guidance of Presbyterial and Synodical Committees in determining the amount of aid to be granted to such church.

6. That we repay to the Home Board $1,000 out of the surplus in our Treasury.

7. That hereafter all appropriations in aid of churches, or ministers or missionaries, be made up to the 31st of October in each year, and that the Treasurer be directed annually to retain sufficient of the surplus, if any, in his hands on October 1st in order to meet such appropriations up to the 31st day of October.

An addition to the Preamble of the Plan for Synodical Missions was presented, together with certain other changes, recommended by the Committee, by way of omission and addition, and these were severally adopted. (See Appendix.)

A report from the Treasurer of Synodical Missions was presented and accepted, as follows:

In the twenty-two Presbyteries co-operating under the plan of Synodical Missions, there are seven hundred and three churches. Of these churches, three hundred and eighty-two have made contributions during the past year. The aggregate of such contributions is $14,093.08. There has been paid to Missionaries commissioned by your committee, $5,930.45, and for salary of Superintendent and incidental expenses, $1,023.29, leaving a balance in the treasury, October 1, 1898, of $7,139.34. The Missionaries under pay of the Committee have been commissioned to October 31, 1898, and they have, with a few exceptions, been paid to August 1. The amount required to pay such commissions from August 1 to October 31, is $4,223.75, and this amount must be reserved from the amount in the treasury October 1.

When we consider that this is the initial year of the Synod's plan, and the formative character of the scheme, we have cause for congratulation at the success achieved, and good grounds for a strong belief that as the plan becomes better understood the amount raised during the coming year will far exceed that of the one that is past.

Of the gifts above mentioned as coming from the Churches and from individuals, there have been three exceeding $500; four less than $500 and exceeding $250; twenty-four less than $250 and exceeding $100; thirty-eight less than $100 and exceeding $50; three hundred and thirteen less than $50, —an evidence that had we been supported by the larger Churches in the same proportion that the smaller Churches have responded, our fund would have made a much larger showing.

The Synodical Superintendent presented the following report, which was accepted :

The report covers only a fractional part of the year, as none of the churches came under the care of the Committee on Synodical Missions until January 1, 1898, and many of them not until several months later. Again, as the report of the Permanent Committee shows, several of the Presbyteries have worked under their own plans, which differ somewhat from the Synodical idea. But the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Syracuse have kindly and courteously sent their reports to the Superintendent in detail, thus enabling him to include their figures in the aggregate of the missionary work of the State. Buffalo expended on its own field last year $1,290, aiding eight churches outside the city. During the coming year its dependent churches in city and country will need aid to the amount of $3,500, and the Presbytery will raise and apply that sum within its bounds in the support of Synodical Missions. Hudson reports nine dependent churches which have to be aided. Thus far, since the organization of the Synodical plan, that Presbytery has cared for its own needy churches.

Our Report extends only to October 1, 1898, and up to that time it appears that 61 commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee in 19 different Presbyteries. Seven missionaries are laboring in the Presbytery of Cayuga, and five have been reported in the Presbytery of Syracuse. After persistent efforts and long delay, all the reports of missionaries save one have been secured. From these it appears that in the State, outside of Buffalo and Hudson Presbyteries, 73 missionaries were laboring up to October 1, 1898, under Synodical or Presbyterial commission.

The following report summarizes the work of the year :

Missionaries reporting	72	Number of Sabbath schools	109
Pastors	30	Number of Sabbath schools organized.	16
Stated Supplies	42	Membership of Sabbath schools	6,902
Churches served	85	Membership of Society of Christian Endeavor	2,076
Stations supplied at regular intervals.	74	Church edifices (value, $256,500)	84
Annual amount granted	$13,183	Church edifices built during the year (at cost of $21,000)	9
Amount decrease possible	$125	Church edifices repaired (at cost of $2,580)	14
Additions on Profession of Faith	270	Church debts canceled	$5,671
Additions on Certificate	76	Number of Manses (value $61,000)	47
Total membership	4,824		
Total average attendance	5,158		
Baptisms—adults	162		
Baptisms—infants	143		

No churches have become self-sustaining during the year, and two have been organized. Two new Manses have been reported, at Old Forge and Middlefield Center. Nine church edifices have been built, Ebenezer and Calvary in Brooklyn, Windham Second, and six in the Adirondacks. Several churches would be much benefited by Manses, others need repairs, others need chapels and organs. There is a very general appeal for more spiritual power in the church, more consecration, both in the direction of giving and

personal service. Some churches pray for more Sunday-School teachers and leaders in all branches of services. Others would enjoy more unity among Protestant Christians. All crave the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon their churches and communities. The needs and difficulties are similar everywhere, and God's help can alone give efficacy to the prayers and the efforts of His people. While all the laborers are doing well, it is pleasant especially to commend the work of your Adirondack missionaries, whose lines extend so many miles in all directions through the great northern regions of the Empire State. Many, in all parts of the State, are bravely and earnestly striving to strengthen the things that remain, in many country churches where communion rolls and pecuniary ability have been much depleted by death and removal to larger towns and cities. May God continue to bless the faithful laborer in every part of the great field where he is stationed to gather in the spiritual harvest! The following items of personal service are appended:

Visits to congregations	38	Presbyteries visited	5
Sermons and addresses	85	Letters written	835
Lord's Supper administered	9	Miles traveled	4,056
Baptisms	1	Salary and Expenses	$686
Members received on profession	4		

The Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, of the Congregational Church, being present, was invited by a rising vote to sit as a corresponding member, and made a fitting response.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report:

Your Committee closes the seventh year of its service with much satisfaction and encouragement. Interest in the cause committed to our charge has steadily advanced throughout the bounds of the Synod; and while the financial returns to our Board have not been as large as we had hoped or expected, we have good reason to believe that the sowings of the past year will bring an early and abundant harvest. Never have the Foreign Mission Committees of the Presbyteries done better service, and never have they given to your Committee such cordial and helpful co-operation. The time was, and not long since, when it was difficult, often impossible, to secure any recognition of our communications, even when these were personal and direct, but now such treatment at the hands of a Presbyterial Committee is so rare as to be readily overlooked. A few Presbyteries need to recast their Committees, but in the large majority of cases their Foreign Mission interests are being ably and faithfully cared for.

Your Committee has done more practical work since its last report than during any previous year. The plan followed the two former years of sending missionaries on tours of visitation through the Presbyteries, was continued this year, and was attended with equal, if not greater, success. In January last the Rev. Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, made an itinerary from

church to church in the Boston Presbytery, visiting ten churches and delivering ten addresses. His work was eminently satisfactory to the pastors, and succeeded in arousing in all the churches a quickened zeal for the world's evangelization. In June, Mr. M. F. Kerr, of Africa, made a similar visitation of the Hudson Presbytery, delivering fifteen addresses in fifteen churches. His work was no less acceptable and fruitful. These tours incurred no further tax upon the churches than an assessment of one cent per member, which was used to defray the traveling expenses of the visiting missionary.

In addition, your Committee, in compliance with suggestions from various quarters, tried the plan of commissioning student volunteers in our theological seminaries to itinerary work in the rural Presbyteries, with what seem upon the whole reasonably encouraging results.

In response to an appeal issued in the Spring, $385 came into the hands of the Committee for the support of this movement. Two young men, Mr. Charles Trowbridge Riggs, of Auburn Seminary, and Mr. George Lewis Lerch, of Union, gave the whole Summer to this work, and Mr. Robert Gardner McGregor, of Union, a little more than a month. Mr. Riggs offered his services without compensation, though the Committee had pleasure in making him a small gift at the close of his labor in recognition of his exceptional devotion and faithfulness. These young men visited most of the churches in the Presbyteries of Columbia, Geneva, Lyons, Nassau, Otsego, St. Lawrence and Steuben, delivering 166 addresses in 110 churches, to audiences aggregating 11,035. They spoke before Christian Endeavor Societies, Sunday Schools, and other organizations of the Church, seeking in every case to influence them better to organize their missionary activities, and, where possible, inducing them to assume the support of a missionary, a scholarship, or a native preachership, according to their ability. Their work was done without expense to the churches, the entertainment of the speaker being all that was asked of them. While there were many features of the work that were necessarily crude, it being only an experiment, the reports which have come from pastors have been almost unanimously favorable; and the Committee is prompted to hope that, if funds shall be forthcoming, the plan can be followed with much greater success another year. The Committee desires to acknowledge the faithful and able labors of these young men, and to express its gratitude not only to them, but to the Presbyterial Committees under whose supervision they labored, and to the churches and their people for the courtesy and hospitality which were everywhere accorded them.

The Committee is able to report another line of work which, it trusts, will not be without permanent results. In accordance with our request, twelve Presbyteries set apart at their Spring meetings an evening, or a part of an evening, for the presentation of Foreign Missions by a speaker whom we agreed to furnish, and the schedule of appointments was duly carried into effect. The Committee takes this means of publicly thanking the speakers who so cheerfully gave their services for the carrying out of the programme, and the Presbyteries for their fraternal reception of our representatives.

As has been already hinted, the offerings for the Board have not reached

the sum which we desired, or which was commensurate with the ability of the churches. The receipts up to the present date have fallen slightly below last year's mark, though that was far from being the highest point yet reached. It is evident that the recent war, with its absorbing interests and philanthropies, has had the effect of lessening the people's contributions to missions, and that if the Board is to remain out of debt, a largely accelerated zeal must be shown by pastors and church Sessions during the closing half of the year.

The Committee calls attention, with pain and chagrin, to the number of churches contributing nothing whatever through any channel to the Board, and to those which, while their Sunday Schools or Women's Societies gave something, did not themselves, apparently, take an offering for this object. The Treasurer of the Board has furnished the following lists:

CHURCHES FAILING TO REPORT A COLLECTION.

Albany 8, Binghamton 8, Boston 17, Brooklyn 6, Buffalo 17, Cayuga 5, Champlain 13, Chemung 10, Columbia 6, Genesee 9, Geneva 4, Hudson 4, Long Island 3, Lyons 5, Nassau 8, New York 16, Niagara 10, North River 13, Otsego 9, Rochester 7, St. Lawrence 9, Steuben 8, Syracuse 18, Troy 11, Utica 8, Westchester 9.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING NOTHING THROUGH ANY CHANNEL.

Albany 2, Binghamton 2, Boston 9, Brooklyn 1, Buffalo 13, Cayuga 2, Champlain 10, Chemung 10, Columbia 3, Genesee 3, Geneva 1, Hudson 1, Long Island 3, Lyons 4, Nassau 4, New York 8, Niagara 2, North River 5, Otsego 3, Rochester 4, St. Lawrence 7, Steuben 3, Syracuse 10, Troy 4, Utica 3, Westchester 4.

By this accounting 241 churches made no offerings for Foreign Missions last year, and 121 churches failed to give any contribution whatever to the cause. Doubtless some are feeble or semi-defunct churches, and doubtless there may be errors in the list due to delayed transmission of funds. But when the most generous allowances of this and any other character are made, the number still remains disproportionately and disgracefully large. The statistics of the Women's Board as to the number of non-contributing Sunday Schools, 652 out of 949, is scarcely less depressing. Ought not the Synod to take these delinquents in hand the coming year, and give them the attention they need and must have if they are ever to fall in line with the Kingdom's advancing host? The Committee recommends:

1. The approval of the new plan of the Women's Board to increase the interest and co-operation of the children of our Sunday Schools, believing that it is only as the feet of our youth are early set upon the path of missions that we may expect their support in the years to come.

2. That the special attention of Presbyterial Committees, Pastors and Sessions be called to this plan, and they be urged to join heartily in carrying it into practical execution.

3. That the lists of non-contributing churches be sent to the respective Presbyterial Committees, and they be enjoined to organize for their delinquent churches an immediate and aggressive campaign of education, persuasion and prayer.

4. That the plan of Presbyterial visitation by missionaries and student volunteers hitherto employed by your Committee be approved, and the Committee be authorized to continue it.

5. One member of the Committee, Mr. Neilson Olcott, finding it necessary, on account of pressure of business, to resign his membership, the Committee recommends that his resignation be reluctantly accepted, and that it be given power to fill the vacancy.

6. As the work which the Committee outlines for another year will call for considerable expenditure, we respectfully ask the Synod to commend our work to the financial support of all those within the churches who love the Kingdom and desire its advance.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee to nominate five Elders for the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions, as called for by Art. V. of the Plan, and also a Superintendent and Treasurer.

The Committee on Synodical Missions was authorized and directed to fix the proportionate amount to be raised by each Presbytery for the Fund, in accordance with amended Art. XIII. of the Plan, and at once to notify the Presbyterial Committees.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 20, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator announced the following Committee to nominate members of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions, also a Treasurer and Synodical Superintendent: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, William W. Weller, William F. Whitaker; *Elders*—William H. Hollister, Jr., Franklin S. Stebbins.

The Permanent Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

A winnowing year indeed. Visited by poignant sorrow, by humiliating losses caused by a trusted though dishonest former Treasurer, the Board faced the situation with a courage and determination born of faith in God and trust in the great Presbyterian Church. It unhesitatingly appeals anew to its friends in the Churches of the Synod, asking for sympathy, renewed confidence and liberal gifts.

The report of work for the past year is remarkable in the light of its severe trials. The investment in its work of money, prayer and timely sympathy means the great West Christianized in the near future. Education is power. Christian education is power to the highest degree. Mark this plank in the platform: "Our aided institutions are meant to convert the unconverted and to consecrate Christians. Schools with consecrated teachers doing their work in a missionary spirit with daily worship, Young People's Societies, and a total life that influences pupils toward Christ, and young men toward the ministry, have large claim for aid. The highest educational work lacking this element has no claim upon the church's funds." The Bible is regularly a text book in the institutions aided by the Board. It makes no apology for saying that evidences of Christianity or Christian ethics will not suffice. Christianity must be taught.

Notwithstanding its heavy loss by defalcation, nearly the whole amount was made up, and the expense of administration reduced twenty per cent., compared with last year. The 28 institutions aided by the Board have had the most prosperous year in their history. The splendid record for the year is in no small measure due to the unselfish Christian spirit, and the thorough executive ability, of the honored Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Edward C. Ray, D. D. A loyal and generous body of directors, headed by their honored President, Dr. Herrick Johnson, has, by judicious counsel and action, guided the affairs of the Board. The Church ought to show its appreciation of the heroic work of these men by enlarged contributions. A few years ago this Synod was second in its gifts; now it is fifth, behind Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois and Indiana. Very many churches in our Synod gave nothing last year. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod reaffirm the action of the General Assembly in committing the Board and its work to the confidence, prayers and gifts of the churches.

2. That every church be urged to recognize in a suitable way Education Day, January 22, 1899, and to take an offering or apportion funds on that day for the work of the Board; and that on Thursday, January 26, the Day of Prayer for Colleges, suitable meetings for prayer be held.

3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be: *Ministers*—Edward Huntting Rudd, George Alexander, John E. Bushnell, Maitland Alexander; *Elders*—William E. Stiger, George H. Southard, James Talcott.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College presented its report, which was accepted, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., James Yereance, Charles Henderson, for the term expiring in 1901.

Trustees of Elmira College: Francis Hall, William R. Rathbun, John Stewart, Henry C. Merriam, Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D., Mrs. Helen B. Turner, for the term ending in 1901.

Examiners: Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Rev. Daniel Mackay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

On the recommendation of the Committee to Collate the Reports of the Examining Committees, the Records of the following additional Presbyteries were approved as far as written: Buffalo, Cayuga, Chemung, Hudson, North River, North Laos, Syracuse.

The Records of the Presbytery of Niagara were approved, with the following exception: "There is a record of the ordination of two licentiates as Evangelists, without any mention of the reasons for this form of ordination."

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Elder William W. Smith, the recommendations were adopted:

The contributions of our churches, during the past fiscal year, to this sacred object show an increase over the previous year. The total gifts of the Synod to the Board of Relief are $22,074. The year before they were $19,839. Yet we regret to add that 311 churches did nothing for the Board, in face of the fact that more churches of our great communion contributed last year than ever before in the history of the Board. Had these 311 churches averaged but $5 each, we should have been the banner Synod in the support of this good work. As it is, the Synod of Pennsylvania, with its contribution of $23,217, ousts us from our proper place in the van. Let the example provoke us not simply to love, but to better works, and a larger liberality.

The payments of the Board are increasing at the rate of $6,000 a year. The revenues from invested funds are decreasing, as the interest on all secure investments must have a tendency to do. Unless the Board receives larger contributions, the small appropriation, averaging only $205 a year to each family under its care, must be scaled down. Think of scaling down this munificent stipend, given by a wealthy Church to her disabled ministers, their widows and orphans! Such a course would be unfair, inhuman and ungodly. Of the 875 families on the roll of the Board, 472 are headed with the names of widows. Let the aged Ministers of Christ suffer, if you will; they have learned to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and it may still be part of their earthly discipline to fill up what is behind of their Master's sufferings. But let us draw the line at the widows and orphans. The God of the widow and the fatherless will surely punish us if we are not mindful of the needs of these most worthy objects of the Church's care and love.

The total amount last year from all the churches of our communion was $83,164; from individuals $15,743: from interest on permanent funds some $70,000; and about $27,000 from legacies. By the economical use of these resources the Board came to the Assembly out of debt, reporting, with gratitude to God, a year of prosperity, and total receipts of some $197,000. The Committee recommends:

1. That the Sessions of all our churches be enjoined to make at least one collection a year for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. That all the Ministers of the Synod, in active service, be requested to preach on the duty of the Church to her aged and suffering servants and their families.

3. That Elder William W. Smith be added to the Committee.

The report of the Examiners of Elmira College was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

By the terms of the will of Mr. Benjamin, which is the law of the College, the Synod appoints a Committee of Examiners whose duty shall be "to examine into the management, course of instruction, finances and affairs of the College generally, and report to the Synod." In the performance of this duty your Committee has visited the College twice during the year, besides attending the Commencement. It has looked into the conditions of the buildings, attended the classes, and inquired after the physical, social, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the students, and has examined the condition of the finances. The most noticeable change has been made in the front hall, which has been transformed by new ceilings decorated with exquisite taste. This, however, shows what should be done throughout the building to bring it up to the full standard of the latest construction of modern College buildings. An expenditure of $15,000 would put the College in perfect condition, and fit every room with the best modern furnishing, so that no more expense would be called for in a score or more of years. The office of the President has been removed to the East hall, in proximity to that of the Steward, and a biological laboratory has been fitted up on the opposite side of the hall. The infirmary has been refitted, and the bathrooms overhauled and fitted with new tubs. The health of the students has been remarkably good, great caution being taken to provide only the purest drinking water. The table is of the first class. The social relations are delightful, the teachers mingling in the daily life, as is possible only in a small college. The class-day exercises showed ability and culture of a high order.

The changes made necessary in the Faculty and management of the College it is believed will be to its advantage. Ex-President Cowles and Prof. Ford are able to give full instruction in their departments, which assures a continuance of the benefits of their valuable experience. The financial management for the year has given the largest benefit for the expendi-

ture, and we believe that its continuance will bring the College to a state of self-support. We have examined the financial statement of the Trustees, and find it satisfactory.

Through the indefatigable labors of the President, aided by friends of the College, the effort to raise an endowment of $100,000 has been crowned with success. This puts the College in a good financial condition, provided the number of students continues to increase. The present Freshman class numbers thirty-four. Another pleasing result is that, besides giving freely for the fund, the people of Elmira have come to be personally more interested in the College, and to love it as their own. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod commend the project of refitting and refurnishing the interior of the College to the liberality of individuals and Churches in the Synod.

2. That the fiscal year end September 1, and that the annual meeting be held in October, when the Treasurer's report shall be presented.

The Financial Report of the Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on the Synodical Missionary Congress presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Sixth Missionary Congress of the Synod was held in the First Church, Auburn, June 7–9, 1898. It began with a Home Mission Meeting. The second day was devoted to Home and Synodical Missions in the morning, and to the Boards for Freedmen, Sunday School Work and Church Erection, and to Young People's Societies in the afternoon. A Foreign Mission Meeting was held in the evening. The forenoon of the third day was given to the Boards of Ministerial Relief, Aid for Colleges and Education, and to Woman's Work in Missions. The afternoon was occupied in hearing returned missionaries, fresh from the foreign field. The sessions closed with a mass meeting in the evening in the interests of Systematic Beneficence. Our Church work in these varied departments was presented by over thirty eminent speakers in addresses of exceptional value and power. We believe the Congress produced a beneficent and lasting influence upon the community and attending delegates.

Owing to the war excitement and lateness in announcing the place of meeting, the attendance was not equal to that of the year before. Nevertheless, 164 delegates were registered, representing nearly every Presbytery in the Synod, while the people of Auburn and its vicinity attended in sufficient numbers to make all the audiences fairly good, and at the evening mass meetings always large. The expenses of the Congress have been met, mostly from collections at the meetings; and a balance of about $50 is in the treasury. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod approves of, and will cordially support, the plan of holding Synodical meetings, with the distinct object of advancing our Church work.

2. That the next Congress be held in connection with the regular meeting of the Synod.

3. That to accomplish this purpose, the Committee of Arrangements for the Synod's session consist of the Synodical Congress Committee, together with the pastor of the church with which the Synod meets.

4. That the following be the officers and members of the Committee for the coming year: Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, Chairman; Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, D. D., Treasurer; Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D., Secretary; Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., Rev. Edward Huntting Rudd, Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., Rev. Charles A. Richmond, Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph.D., Rev. L. Merrill Miller, D.D., Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D. D., and Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Superintendent and Treasurer of Synodical Missions, and five Elders as members of the Permanent Committee, presented its report, which was accepted, and the persons nominated were duly elected, as follows:

Superintendent: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D.
Treasurer: Albert P. Stevens, Esq.
Elders: Horace B. Silliman, LL.D., John H. Osborne, William E. Stiger, William H. Hollister, Jr., Henry W. Jessup.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was re-committed.

The Rev. Darius D. Ford, of the New York State Baptist Association, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The Committee on Services at Summer Resorts presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations, after being amended, were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report:

The habit of our people to spend a part, at least, of the heated Summer time at mountain and seaside resorts, has of late grown very greatly. And the fact that the families of our own Church compose so large a proportion of those who are able to enjoy such recreation, has naturally directed the attention of those who have the interests and responsibilities of our beloved Church at heart to the relation which this Church sustains to those of its children who spend that season away from the wholesome influences of home and of regular and accustomed Church work. The

Synod is not without a great share in this responsibility, since within its bounds are situated the Adirondacks, the Catskills, the Shawangunk range, regions of mountain and mountain lakes, the lake region of Central New York, the shores of Lake Ontario, the river St. Lawrence with its Thousand Islands and its rapids, and the ocean coast line of more than a thousand miles, from Eastport, Maine, south and west, with its almost unbroken succession of contiguous places of resort, visited by those who come from almost every State in our land. Without pretence of absolute accuracy, it can safely be said, that there are more of such places within the bounds of this Synod than there are Presbyterian Churches in connection with it. We do not pretend that in none of these places is there provision for worship according to the form, and after the manner, to which we are accustomed. Some of them are in the neighborhood of established churches of our denomination, or of sister churches worshipping as we worship; but we are persuaded, nevertheless, that there are in the larger number of these resorts no places of worship other than for the Summer visitors, whereas we should be providing for our own people, and teaching them not to shrink from confessing that they are Presbyterians. It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Pastors, the teachers and officers of Sunday Schools, and the heads of families in our churches be counseled to see that the people and the children are, at suitable times, instructed in the history of our Church, the sufferings of those who established it in the time of the Reformation and afterwards, and the principles for which it stands.

2. That Pastors and Sessions be counseled to press, in and out of the pulpit, upon the people under their care, the duty of loyally standing by our Church, not only at their homes, but also in their seasons of recreation and Summer vacation, and at places of Summer resort, and of sustaining services on the Sabbath and other days, after the order and practice of our Church.

3. That each Presbytery in which are situated places of Summer resort be counseled to appoint a standing committee of active men to have in charge the matter of supplying, as far as may be, services of our own order and practice at these resorts, when public worship is not maintained by regularly organized churches, and that all our ministers and people be earnestly desired to sustain such committees by their sympathy and services, their offerings where necessary, and their personal attendance, with their families, when present at any such places of Summer resort.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee reports that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod have been examined, compared with the vouchers, and found to be correct.

All the Presbyteries paid their apportionments for the past year.

The amount in the treasury, applicable to the payment of outstanding claims, and the expenses of the current year, is $951.92.

It is recommended that the rate of apportionment for the current year be seven and a half mills for each communicant.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Educational Institutions reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendations were adopted:

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—A. Cameron MacKenzie, Henry Elliott Mott, Ralph W. Brokaw, Charles N. Frost, Oliver A. Kingsbury, Edward C Petrie; *Elders*—William W. Smith, James Rodgers, Edgar W. Dusenbury, William H. Sherman.

HAMILTON COLLEGE: *Ministers*—Henry M. Booth, John McVey, D. Henry Palmer, Edwin H. Dickinson, William P. Swartz; *Elders*—Charles T. Kissam, S. Mills Ely, George H. Southard, H. Legare Romig.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: *Ministers*—David G. Wylie, Allen F. De Camp, Robert B. Clark, Charles S. Lane, Walter Rockwood Ferris; *Elders*—Scott Foster, Horace B. Silliman, Lewis L. Fosdick, A. Noel Blakeman.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Examining Committees reported, recommending that the Records of the Presbytery of Chile be approved. Also that the Records of the Presbytery of Lyons be approved, with the following exceptions:

1. That the Minutes are incomplete, items being omitted on pp. 190 and 198.

2. On p. 185, the Records of a number of Church Sessions are approved, without naming the churches.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee further reported that the Records of the Presbyteries of Boston and Eastern Persia had not been presented.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Annual Meeting reported a cordial invitation from the Second Church of Troy, and recommended its acceptance, with the thanks of the Synod. The recommendation was adopted, and the Pastor and Elders of that Church were appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to their number.

The minutes of this day's sessions were read and approved.

Adjourned until Friday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 20, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A Reception was given at Elmira College, by the President and Faculty, to the members of the Synod and of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions, when interesting addresses were delivered, and the hospitality of the College was heartily enjoyed.

FRIDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and the persons nominated were duly appointed. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, calling attention to the following items:

1. P. 27. That the Synods now self-supporting, or which may hereafter become self-supporting, be encouraged to continue their work according to the method found most efficient by them.

2. P. 47. The dismissal of the appeal of Herman Warszaviak from the action of the Presbytery of New York, on the ground of a Complaint and Appeal in the same case having been lodged with the Synod.

3. Certain papers from the American Sabbath Union having been referred to this Committee, attention is called to the action of the Assembly on Sabbath Observance, pp. 40-43, and particularly to the recommendation that each pastor preach on the subject on some Sabbath of October, and secure an offering for the work of the American Sabbath Union. It is recommended that the Synod re-affirm the entire action of the Assembly on Sabbath Observance. Adopted.

4. P. 88. The action of the Assembly discontinuing *The Church at Home and Abroad* and *The Assembly Herald*, on January 1, 1899, and authorizing the publication of a single monthly magazine, under the name of *The Assembly Herald*.

5. P. 139. A decision of the Assembly that Synods cannot approve the proceedings of Presbyteries acting without a quorum.

The Committee appointed in 1897 to arrange for the celebration by the Synod of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the West-

minster Standards presented an informal report, which was accepted. The publication of the addresses before the Synod was referred to the same Committee, with power.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented an amended report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report:

The position of the Presbyterian Church on the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and traffic in them, is made clear by the deliverances of the Assembly. There is one aspect of this subject, however, which seems to need emphasis. When the New Testament speaks of temperance, it uses a word which is less restricted in its scope than the meaning put upon the word in the popular conception of to-day. The term which the "beloved physician" used (and surely a capable Christian physician under the guidance of the Holy Ghost would not err in selecting his language on such a subject), was *enkratia*, when he was reporting Paul's powerful speech before Felix and Drusilla. But *enkratia* means originally "strength," and in N. T. Greek, according to Robinson, it signifies mastery of one's self, or self-control. Paul did not change the word when, writing to the Galatians about the fruits of the Spirit, he commends self-control, which King James's version translates "temperance." Similarly when Paul was inditing his letter to Titus he insisted that a bishop should be temperate, that is, self-governed, for he persists in the use of that same word. Peter did not seem to have any other idea about it, for it is the same term he employs when he exhorts us to add self-control to our knowledge, and patience to our self-control, etc. Our American Revisers insisted upon having this word "self-control" put in the margin as indicating their preference for it.

The chief value, however, in Biblical word-studies is to learn the mind of the Spirit, and it is beyond question that the Spirit meant to teach, through these inspired writers, that temperance signifies the control of all bodily appetites, desires and passions, and also the regulation of the soul's energies. Paul illustrates his thought by the reference to the runner in the race course who, in order to gain the prize, is "self-governed in all things."

When Jonah had taken his discipline, the Lord tried a second time to impress upon him that he had a single, well-defined message to deliver. "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." Now we do not say that the Church is dodging the issue. We think much good work is done; but we conceive it our duty to press to the front the preaching that the Church has been bidden, as set forth in these excerpts from the inspired word. In other words, it is one of the crying needs of our time that we should extend our conceptions of temperance so that the Pauline idea shall attain its supreme place in our thought. For, may it not be true that some of our power has been wasted, and perhaps the Spirit has been grieved, by our differences in the matter of methods having reference to a

specific evil, and our desire to grasp and wield the more demonstrative weapons of carnal warfare instead of sticking to our business and especially to our text. The Church of Christ is the exponent and proclaimer of that ultimate kingdom which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Her implements and agencies are not carnal, but spiritual. She has a simple and single message to deliver and enforce. She has no genius or time for any other.

Some of us have heard of the sportsman who, before going on a hunting expedition, noticed the offer of an advertiser to send an infallible recipe to keep a gun from scattering. He sent his money and got his recipe, which read: "To keep a gun from scattering, put in a single shot." That is worth heeding as we think of the Church's relation to reform of all kinds. If we are to carry out the express order contained in our commission, we must preach the word of the ever-living God in its fulness, and nothing but the word. We must get back to the Bible and its weapons, and keep our guns loaded with this single shot. Moreover, if our Church preaches the preaching she is bidden, there will be a revived interest in the duty of self-mastery among the young, and a generation will spring up whose qualities of character will include as a dominant factor that one considered in Holy Writ greater than he who taketh a city. This preaching will cry aloud and spare not when it contemplates the systematized effort of the saloon to tempt youth and age, to influence legislation and government, and to enjoy special privileges not vouchsafed to any other branch of traffic. It will arouse the public conscience in the matter of making effectual its representations, upon the Biblical principle of substituting good for evil. Substitution is a potent word in the economy of grace. Indeed the entire Gospel fabric is woven through and through with it. Our Lord came into a world lying in wickedness to initiate the process of redemption by taking our place, that is, putting the good in the place of the bad. Redemptive progress proceeds upon the same principle. Sanctification is accomplished not by legislation, but by leaven, the leaven of righteousness.

The greatest of the reformers said, when referring to the attempts at reform which were radical and revolutionary, "Preach the word of God, preach the truth, and the truth will set us free. The shooting of the new leaves will push off the old ones far more effectually than the winds can tear them off." Such a sagacious statesman as Edmund Burke advocated the same principle as applied to the evils of the State.

The Apostles were accused of turning the world upside down with their *doctrine*, and the Lord's picture of His Church's Mission is the Parable of the Sower. Indeed, if we are to be as wise as the serpent we shall stay at our business of sowing. All he did was to sow tares; and so confident was he that he went his way and left his work to accomplish its nefarious business "while men slept." Verily, our enemies being judges, this is the way of power and progress in overcoming. The emphasizing and enforcement of this Biblical principle would stimulate the Church's energies, and bring her into closer touch with her Lord. It would off-set the tendency to hobby-riding

in the matter of methods, and the indiscriminate criticism of individuals and institutions that are not astride the hobby. Nay, it would keep us at our legitimate business; it would confine our efforts to the thing we are sent to do. Localities modify the application of any method. Let Christians who dwell in any community apply the Gospel principle with the judgment and grace committed to them.

We feel constrained to second the plea made by the New York Presbytery for safe and attractive resorts, either in connection with church buildings or in other localities adjacent, for men and women whose isolation and uncongenial surroundings are potent influences in driving them to the saloons. Let us drive out the bad by the importation of the good. In view, therefore, of the foregoing it is recommended:

1. That Presbyterial Committees having the subject in charge be requested to see that the Scriptural idea be more faithfully adhered to.

2. That Pastors and Sessions be urged, when presenting temperance, to make prominent this comprehensive view, pressing upon the conscience of all the duty of self-mastery in all its requirements.

3. That the Synod earnestly commend to the Presbyteries, and through them to Sessions and Churches, the wisdom of providing, either in their Church buildings or in connection therewith, attractive and appropriate places of resort, with equipment in accordance with local needs and Christian judgment, and as a practical application of the word "be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

4. That in view of its especial importance as a practical question now, the Synod bear its emphatic testimony against the sale of intoxicating drinks in army canteens, as disastrous to the good order, discipline, health and efficiency of the army; that it respectfully petition the Government to see that this evil be removed; and that this action be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of War.

The Judicial Commission in Judicial Case No. 1 submitted its finding, which was ordered to be placed on the Records of the Synod, and is as follows:

In the matter of the Complaint of Rev. Charles S. Lane and six others, against the Presbytery of Westchester, for electing, as Delegates to the present session of the Synod, two Ministers in good and regular standing in said Presbytery, but at present without pastoral charge, your Commission found the Complaint in order, and proceeded to hear the parties interested.

Your Commission calls attention to the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1816, p. 615, where is found the following deliverance in reply to the question "Are Ministers without charges constituent members of our Church judicatories; and have they an equal voice with settled Pastors and Ruling Elders of congregations in ecclesiastical governments?"

Answer: "In the judgment of this Assembly the question is answered affirmatively in Chap. X, Sec. 2, of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in these words: 'A Presbytery consists of all the Ministers, and one Ruling Elder from each congregation, within a certain district.'"

Again, in the Minutes of the Assembly of 1872, p. 94: "The Assembly affirms the duty of Ministers to unite with the Presbyteries within whose bounds they reside, except where their ministerial labors are in an adjacent Presbytery."

Again, in the Minutes of the Old School Assembly of 1859, p. 533: "According to the Constitution of our Church, Ministers as such, whether with or without charge, are of equal power and privilege."

Your Commission, after careful consideration and full discussion, agreed to limit its action to the instance specified in the Complaint, and after intelligent and faithful conference upon the same, unanimously resolved that the Complaint be dismissed.

Ruling Elder Ralph E. Prime gave notice of Complaint and Appeal to the next General Assembly against this decision; and the Moderator was authorized to appoint two members of the Synod to defend its action before the Assembly.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The income of the Board of Education from all sources during the past year was $66,361, an advance of nearly $1,000 over that of the previous year. That no part of this increase is to the credit of our Synod is manifest when we notice that our contributions for the year ending March 31, 1897, were $11,765, and for the year ending 1898 only $10,800, a decrease of $965. The number of churches contributing during the past year has increased by ninety-nine, indicating a widening interest in the work. Fifteen hundred dollars have been paid on the debt, which has thus been reduced to $7,720.

Those who fear that the Board has been instrumental in swelling unduly the number of the ministry ought to be satisfied that their fears are groundless. The danger may lie in the opposite direction. The number of new candidates accepted by the Board during the last year was 153, while the annual loss to the Church by death and dismission is 174. A certain number of new men must be furnished each year simply to maintain the Church in active existence; and the question is pressing whether the men shall be provided from our own households, brought up in our doctrines and ways, or whether we shall depend upon sources outside of our communion. Already we are receiving ministers from outside at the rate of ninety-one per annum. Two years ago the Board enrolled 1037 men; last year 911; and this year only 814. It seems a great pity to starve a Board which has introduced into our Church over forty per cent. of its ministry, many being among the most useful and

eminent in our body, and to fill up our ranks from sources outside with short-cut men, and men unaccustomed to, and sometimes unsympathetic towards, our methods and customs. Let it be borne in mind that the men aided by this Board are, almost without exception, from our own homes, that they are required to take a full course, under the most careful sessional, presbyterial and professorial oversight, and that experience shows that in after life they prove to be among the best men in our ministry.

The reduction in the number of men aided has made possible a slight increase in the amount given to individual students. The maximum last year, except in a few cases where special sums were contributed by churches or individuals for candidates in whom they were interested, was $70. This year it is hoped that the allowance will be $80. But if the Board is permitted to make this small advance upon its very meagre allowance, it means that its income must be increased by at least $8,000. It is recommended:

1. That we urge anew the claims of this Board upon all our churches, and request pastors to give the fullest possible information to their people in regard to its work, and that opportunity be presented in every church for the people to contribute something toward its work.

2. Special attention is called to the disposition manifested by some individuals, churches, and Sabbath-schools to provide scholarships for candidates. The result is that more generous provision is made, contributions being largely increased, and more intelligently given. Often the donors are, or become, acquainted with the students helped; they learn of their progress through the instructors' reports, and they have a chance to see and rejoice in the future successes of such candidates. This method of rendering assistance, through the Board and under its rules, is hereby commended to the attention of churches, Sabbath-schools, Young People's Societies, and individuals.

The Committee appointed in 1895 to obtain certain legislation at Albany, was reappointed, to procure from the Legislature such amendments to the Religious Corporations Act as shall restore important provisions which have been repealed by subsequent legislation.

The action on the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, as far as relates to Adams Collegiate Institute, was reconsidered, and it was

Resolved, That the Synod heartily endorse the application of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence in behalf of the Adams Collegiate Institute, and that the Rev. Newton J. Conklin be appointed its agent, to secure its farther endowment.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-school

work was again considered, and the following portion of the report was accepted:

We call the attention of the Synod to the following resolution adopted at the last meeting of the General Assembly:

"That we heartily endorse the Twentieth Century Movement, which the Board has inaugurated. This movement furnishes a distinct and worthy object for the efforts of our Sabbath-school hosts. The magnitude of the undertaking is recognized. The possibilities of its accomplishment depend upon unity of effort in the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The following minute was adopted:

Whereas, There is a great, growing, and confusing diversity in the forms of public worship within the bounds of the Synod,

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee to inquire what are the various methods of worship now in use throughout the Synod, and to make such suggestions for the consideration of the Synod, at its next meeting, as shall seem wise to the Committee after a careful study of the subject.

The Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Messrs. David G. Wylie, Henry Van Dyke, T. Ralston Smith, Richard D. Harlan, Henry Elliott Mott, Newton L. Reed, Samuel T. Clarke, Samuel W. Pratt, Wallace B. Lucas, Peter R. Ross. The Moderator was added to the Committee.

The Judicial Commission in Judicial Case No. 2 submitted its finding, which was ordered to be placed upon the record, and is as follows:

The appeal of Hermann Warszawiak from the judgment of the Presbytery of New York, sustaining the finding and judgment of the Session of the Fifth Avenue Church of the City of New York, having been found in order by the Synod of New York on the 19th day of October, 1898, and a Judicial Commission having been appointed to hear and determine the issues raised by such appeal; and such Commission of Synod having met on the 19th, 20th and 21st days of October, 1898, and proceeded in due form according to the Book of Discipline, section 99; the judgment, the notice of appeal, the appeal and the specifications of the errors alleged having been read, together with so much of the record of the case as was not omitted by mutual consent of the parties, the appellant and the respondent having been heard at length, the members of the judicatory appealed from having been heard, and also the members of the Commission; the vote having been taken separately on each specification of error alleged:

The said Judicial Commission, after voting upon each exception specified in the notice of appeal, does determine and adjudge that the Presbytery of New York did err in hearing and adjudging the appeal of Herman Warszawiak from the Session of the Fifth Avenue Church of the City of New York.

It finds the lower court in error in irregularities in the proceedings, I, Spec. 7 and 12; in refusal to entertain and consider complaints in the form of objections and exceptions, II, Spec. 4; in refusal of reasonable indulgence, III, Spec. 4, 5, 6 and 12; in hastening to a decision, V, Spec. 3 and 5; and therefore it sustains the appeal, and reverses the judgment of the Presbytery of New York.

Further, it seems to the Commission that injustice may have been done Mr. Warszawiak, in the original trial before the Session, in not appointing him any counsel, in not granting him access to the records, in totally striking out his testimony for contumacy, and in allowing undue cross-examination into financial matters not included in the original charges.

It is therefore the order of this Synod that the appeal be sustained, and that the Presbytery of New York be instructed to remand this case to the Session of the Fifth Avenue Church, with instruction to re-try Hermann Warszawiak upon amended charges, including the misuse of moneys contributed for missionary purposes.

On the recommendation of the Committee to collate the reports of the Examining Committees, the Records of the Presbytery of Albany were approved, with the following exceptions:

P. 366, in the matter of the dissolution of the pastorate of Rev. Charles H. Baldwin, D.D., the minute should state that the commissioners appearing represented the Session and the congregation. The same in other cases.

P. 368, in the matter of the dissolution of the pastorate of Rev. John Dooly, a committee is appointed to make inquiry into the facts existing, and reports in favor of the dissolution; but there is no record of action by the Presbytery, though the pulpit is ordered to be declared vacant.

P. 396, Rev. George L. McClelland asks to have his pastoral relation dissolved, and gives no reason therefor, though reason is given by the commissioners.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—William F. Whitaker, Charles A. Richmond.

Binghamton: Minister—Frank W. Kirwan.

Brooklyn: Ministers—John A. Billingsly, Joseph G. Snyder, George L. McClelland, Frederick T. Steele.

Buffalo: Minister—Newton L. Reed; Elder—Chauncey G. Talcott.

Cayuga: Minister—E. Lloyd Jones.

Champlain: Elder—Hiram W. Cady.

Columbia: Ministers—George C. Yeisley, Albert B. Judson; Elder—Elmer Van Vleet.

Genesee: Minister—Cassius H. Dibble.

Geneva: Minister—William W. Weller.

Hudson: Ministers—Theron Brittain, L. William Hones; Elder—Warner E. Sprague.

Long Island: Ministers—William H. Littell, Arthur Newman, Charles E. Craven; Elders—Samuel N. Davis, Gilbert D. Rogers.

Lyons: Elder—James C. Osborne.

Nassau: Ministers—Kneeland P. Ketcham, Lyman D. Calkins.

New York: Ministers—W. Merle Smith, J. Balcom Shaw; Elders—Henry W. Jessup, J. Thomson Paterson.

Niagara: Minister—Alfred T. Vail; Elder—Edward Hayward.

North River: Ministers—James A. McGowan, William P. Swartz, Hugh R. Fraser; Elders—William W. Smith, James Sutherland.

Rochester: Ministers—Daniel M. Countermine, Tillman S. Rush; Elder—Archibald McColl.

St Lawrence: Minister—W. Courtland Robinson; Elder—Orange W. Dodge.

Steuben: Minister—William A. Reid; Elder—Samuel J. De Pew.

Syracuse: Ministers—Cyrus P. Osborne, Robert Ivey; Elder—Osbert E. Messenger.

Troy: Ministers—Theophilus P. Sawin, Charles H. Van Wie, George Fairlee, Joseph P. White; Elders—George W. Eddy, Horace B. Silliman, William H. Hollister, Jr., Daniel H. Ayers, William H. Sherman.

Utica: Minister—Walter Mitchell; Elder—Henry F. Winchester.

Westchester: Elder—Sanford R. Knapp.

The several Standing Committees were called, and, on reporting that they had no further business to present, were discharged.

The following Minute was adopted by a unanimous vote:

The Synod of New York records its grateful sense of the hospitality extended to its members by the many families in Elmira which have so kindly opened their delightful homes.

Most cordial thanks are expressed to the Pastor of the Lake Street Church, and to his associates on the Committee of Arrangements, for their indefatigable and successful labors in providing for the entertainment of the Synod and facilitating its business; to the Trustees of the Church; to the organist and choir; to the Trustees of the First Church, its organist and choir; and to all who have in any way contributed to the comfort of the members of the body. The Synod also recalls, with peculiar pleasure, the delightful reception on Thursday evening at Elmira College.

Thanks are extended, moreover, to the railway companies for their favor

in granting reduced fares, and to the Press of Elmira for reporting so fully the proceedings of the Synod.

The Rev. Allen F. De Camp responded for the Committee of Arrangements, and the Moderator made a suitable reply.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod.

Presbytery of Albany: Elder—Tallmadge Parsons.
Brooklyn: Elder—Ithamar Dubois.
Buffalo: Minister—Samuel T. Clarke; Elders—James Post, Edward H. Wahl.
Chemung: Elder—Reuben Thurston.
Hudson: Elder—J. Henry Decker.
Lyons: Minister—Luther A. Ostrander.
Niagara: Minister—Erastus W. Twichell; Elder—Ovid K. Manning.
Otsego: Ministers—Ariel McMaster, George B. Swinnerton.
Rochester: Elder—Daniel W. Fish.
St. Lawrence: Ministers—Allen Macy Dulles, James Robertson.
Syracuse: Minister—Isaac Swift; Elder, Joseph M. Tallcot.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the Second Church, Troy, on the third Tuesday, the seventeenth day of October, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with praise, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-three ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care three licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

December 14, 1897, Rev. John H. Pollock, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

April 19, 1898, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. James D. Dingwell, from the Presbytery of Buffalo; and Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, from the Presbytery of Troy;

September 20, Rev. Putnam Cady, from the Presbytery of Chippewa;

October 4, Rev. John J. Laurence, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate received:

April 19, 1898, Emil Lewis Winterberg.

Licensed:

April 19, 1898, David Howard Craver and Harvey Clements.

Licentiate received:

September 20, 1898, William H. Layson, from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 29, 1897, between Rev. John McClellan Holmes, D.D., and the State Street Church, Albany;

December 14, between Rev. Charles H. Baldwin, D.D., and the Second Church, Amsterdam; and between Rev. John Dooly and the Church at West Milton;

June 14, 1898, between Rev. George L. McClelland and the Kingsborough Avenue Church, Gloversville; and between Rev. Leicester J. Sawyer and the Emmanuel Church, Amsterdam.

Installations:

April 26, 1898, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., over the Second Church, Amsterdam;

May 5, Rev. Josiah Still, over the Church at Jefferson.

Ministers dismissed:

November 29, 1897, Rev. James K. Philips, to the Presbytery of Champlain; December 14, Rev. Charles B. Dye, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

April 19, 1898, Rev. John Dooly, to the Southern Berkshire Association of Congregational Ministers; June 14, Rev. George L. McClelland, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; September 20, Rev. Edmund G. Rawson, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Licentiate transferred:

September 20, 1898, William Theophilus McLeod, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Dropped from the roll:

April 19, 1898, Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton consists of thirty-nine ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Minister received:

April 18, 1898, Rev William Wallace Ketchum, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

June 17, 1898, Arthur R. Teal, and Daniel Russell, Jr., from the Presbytery of Dubuque.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

September 20, 1898, between Rev. John Merriam and the Coventry Second Church; and between Rev. Robert C. Bryant and Floral Avenue Church, Binghamton.

Ordinations:

September 27, 1898, Daniel Russell, Jr.;
October 7, Arthur R. Teal.

Installation:

September 27, 1898, Daniel Russell, Jr., over the Church in Hancock.

Licentiate transferred:

June 17, 1898, Edgar M. Smead, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Churches enrolled:

November 15, 1897, First, Gulf Summit;
June 17, 1898, Hancock.

Church dissolved:

June 17, 1898, Willet.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

February 28, 1898, Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 19, Rev. Alexander D. Mackinnon, from the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev. William H. Tower, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; and Rev. Milton Waldo, D.D., who returned his letter of dismission;

April 20, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, from the Presbytery of Westchester; and Rev. Roger Charnock, Ph.D., from the Christian Church;

June 6, Rev. George W. Mead, from the Presbytery of New York;

October 5, Rev. John L. Withrow, D.D., LL.D., from the Presbytery of Chicago.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 19, 1898, James Dexter Taylor;

June 6, Hugh W. McCracken.

Licentiates received:

June 6, 1898, Christopher Bauer, from the Presbytery of Nassau;

October 5, W. Theophilus McLeod, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 27, 1898, between Rev. Henry Hansman and Manchester German Church;

April 3, between Rev. Thomas Atkinson and the Church in Somerville;

June 26, between Rev. Lewis V. Price and the Church in Brockton;

September 30, between Rev. Alva R. Scott, Ph.D., and the Church in Worcester;

October 9, between Rev. Henry McGilvray and the Church in Portland.

Ordinations:

June 6, 1898, James Everett Frame;

June 22, Christoph Bauer;

October 5, W. Theophilus McLeod.

Installations:

April 22, 1898, Rev. William H. Tower, over the Church in South Framingham;

May 3, Rev. Roger Charnock, Ph. D., over the Globe Church in Fall River;

May 17, Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D. D., over the Church in Woonsocket;

June 8, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, over the Church in Hyde Park;

June 24, Rev. James M. Craig, over the Church in Lowell;

June 13, Rev. George W. Mead, over the Church in Newport;

June 22, Rev. Christoph Bauer, over the Manchester German Church;

July 5, Rev. Lewis V. Price, over the Church in Somerville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 28, 1898, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, to the Congregational Association, Maine;

September 15, Rev. Henry Hansman, to the Presbytery of North River;

October 5, Rev. James B. Dunn, D. D., to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Rev. Addison G. Alexander, to the Presbytery of Emporia, and Rev. Seneca McNeil Keeler, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Dropped from the roll:

April 20, 1898, Rev. Charles S. Fields.

Deceased:

March 22, 1898, in Boston, Rev. Luther H. Angier, aged 87.

Church enrolled:

April 19, 1898, First, Haverhill, organized March 21.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of sixty-nine ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and thirteen candidates.

Ministers received;

November 21, 1897, Rev. L. Mason Clarke, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

December 28, Rev. Frederick T. Steele, from the Presbytery of New York;

April 18, 1898, Rev. Charles T. Berry, from the Presbytery of Newark;

May 24, Rev. Thornton B. Penfield, from the Presbytery of New York;

October 3, Rev. George L. McClelland, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 6, 1897, William Jung;

April 18, 1898, Henry Leeds, John C. Rauscher, David L. Wilson, Richard F. Wertz and James L. Howie.

April 19, William E. McCord.

October 3, Harvey S. Murdoch and Samuel Kempton Piercy.

Licensed:

April 19, 1898, John C. Rauscher, David L. Wilson, Richard F. Wertz, James L. Howie, William E. McCord, Henry C. Briggs, William B. Frith and Edward L. Tibbals;

October 4, Harvey S. Murdoch.

Licentiates received:

December 30, 1897, Herbert H. Fisher, from the Presbytery of Peoria;

October 14, 1898, Louis Nickse, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 5, 1898, between Rev. Augustus B. Prichard and the Arlington Avenue Church.

Ordinations:

January 24, 1898, Herbert H. Fisher;
May 24, Andrew J. Bruchlacher;
June 6, David L. Wilson;
July 6, Charles B. Mitchell;
October 14, Harvey S. Murdoch.

Installations:

December 8, 1897, Rev. L. Mason Clarke, over the First Church;
January 24, 1898, Rev. Herbert H. Fisher, over the Prospect Heights Church;
February 16, Rev. William J. Hutchins, over the Bedford Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 6, 1897, Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
February 7, 1898, Rev. William H. Tower, to the Presbytery of Boston;
April 18, Rev. George N. Makely, to the South Classis of Long Island, Reformed Church;
June 6, Rev. David L. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Kearney;
September 5, Rev. Augustus B. Prichard, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles;
October 3, Rev. James C. M. Johnston, to the Presbytery of Washington.

Licentiates transferred:

February 7, 1898, William E. Williams, to the Presbytery of Troy;
April 18, John G. Addy, to the Presbytery of Newton;
September 5, William E. McCord, to the Presbytery of Mattoon;

Miscellaneous:

October 3, 1898, Rev. Joseph G. Snyder was elected Permanent Clerk.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-five ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 3, 1898, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. Charles F. Hubbard, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery and licensed:

April 12, 1898, William H. Hoole.

Licentiates received:

November 23, 1897, Fred J. Van Hoesen, from the Presbytery of Genesee;
September 20, 1898, Herbert R. Burgess, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Ordinations:

November 23, 1897, Fred. J. Van Hoesen;
October 7, 1898, Herbert R. Burgess.

Installations:

January 3, 1898, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, over the North Church;
January 4, Rev. Charles F. Hubbard, over Bethany Church;
October 7, Rev. Herbert R. Burgess, over West Avenue Church;

Minister dismissed:

September 29, 1898, Rev. Charles Simpson, to the Medina Conference, Ohio.

Licentiate transferred:

July 28, 1898, Charles W. Harris, to the Presbytery of Fargo.

Dropped from the roll:

February 17, 1898, Rev. Anson G. Chester.

Deceased:

December 18, 1897, at East Aurora, N. Y., Rev. Richard M. Sandford, in the 85th year of his age;
February 2, 1898, in Buffalo, Rev. Jacob Freshman, D. D., in the 53d year of his age.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of forty ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care four licentiates and six candidates.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

November 16, 1897, John E. Nelson, from the Presbytery of Utah; Nathaniel McGiffin, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; George Clark, Edward C. Lobenstine, Melkon Jenanyan, DuBois S. Morris;
April 11, 1898, Nicholas S. Becker, from the Presbytery of Westchester;
April 13, J. Herbert McConnell, Charles T. Shaw.

Candidates licensed:

November 16, 1897, H. Roswell Bates, John B. Funnell;
April 12, 1898, Nicholas S. Becker, George Clark, Edward C. Lobenstine, Melkon Jenanyan, Edward F. Green, Nathaniel McGiffin, DuBois S. Morris, John E. Nelson.

Licentiates received:

November 16, 1897, Wm. Wallace Ketchum (letter returned).
June 3, 1898, Tracy B. Griswold, from the Presbytery of Chemung; Hedley A. Vicker, from the Central Association of Congregational Churches of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 28, 1897, between Rev. Oliver T. Mather and the Westminster Church, Auburn;

September 27, 1898, between Rev. Henry Schlosser and the Church at Aurora.

Ordinations:

November 17, 1897, Wm. Wallace Ketchum, Tsvetko Bagranoff.
April 17, 1898, Kosta J. Pachejieff;
April 24, H. Roswell Bates;
April 26, Melkon Jenanyan, Edward C. Lobenstine, DuBois S. Morris;
May 1, James S. Stubblefield;
June 3, Tracy B. Griswold;
June 10, Hedley A. Vicker;
June 17, Nathaniel McGiffin.

Installations:

April 26, 1898, Rev. Oliver T. Mather, over the Church at Dryden;
June 3, Rev. Tracy B. Griswold, over the Westminster Church, Auburn;
June 17, Rev. Nathaniel McGiffin, over the Church at Fair Haven.

Ministers dismissed:

January 28, 1898, Rev. Edward Snyder, to the Presbytery of Newton;
March 23, Rev. Wm. Wallace Ketchum, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
April 11, Rev. Wm. Tatlock, 2d, to the Presbytery of Champlain;
May 4, Rev. Henry S. Barnum, to the Fairfield East Association of Congregational Churches of Connecticut;
September 27, Rev. Henry Schlosser, to the Presbytery of Mankato.

Licentiates and Candidates transferred:

November 16, 1897, John Bamford, candidate, to the Presbytery of Champlain;
December 9, Allen Lang, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Fargo;
April 5, 1898, John B. Funnell, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 22, Nicholas S. Becker, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Otsego;
June 8, Edward F. Green, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 17, John E. Nelson, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Deceased:

June 23, 1898, at Ovid, N. Y., Rev. Edwin Hall, in the 69th year of his age.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-five churches.

Ministers received:

April 12, 1898, Rev. William Tatlock, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. John A. McIntosh, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Installation:

January 11, 1898, Rev. Peter A. Walker, over the Churches of Burke and Belmont.

Candidate received under care of Presbytery:

April 12, 1898, John Bamford, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deceased:

October 19, 1897, at Holland, Mich., Rev. William A. Beardslee, in the 30th year of his age.

By request of the Stated Clerk the offices of Treasurer and Stated Clerk were separated, and Elder Hiram W. Cady, of Plattsburgh, was elected Treasurer, April 12, 1898.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates.

Ministers received:

April 19, 1898, Rev. Thomas Kerr, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 20, Rev. John F. Shaw, from the Classis of Rensselaer; Rev. John Knox, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Jas. A. Miller, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. Harry C. Schuler, from the Presbytery of Mankato.

Licentiate received:

September 20, 1898, John E. Nelson, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

February 7, 1898, between Rev. Frederick L. Benedict and the Franklin Street Church, Elmira.

Installed:

September 27, 1898, Rev. John F. Shaw, over the Church at Newfield;
October 11, Rev. John Knox, over the Church at Spencer.

Licentiate transferred:

May 23, 1898, Tracy B. Griswold, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deceased:

At Elmira, November 14, 1897, Rev. Nathan Bosworth, aged 78;
In Florida, — — 1897, Rev. William M. Langdon, aged 37.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of fourteen ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two local evangelists and three candidates. [Assembly Minutes, 1898.]

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of seventeen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist and one candidate.

Deceased:

May 12, 1898, at Catskill, Rev. George Alvan Howard, D. D., Pastor Emeritus of Christ's Church of Catskill, in the 83d year of his age.

XI. The Presbytery of Eastern Persia consists of seven ministers and four churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate. [Assembly Minutes, 1898.]

XII. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of twenty-one ministers, and twenty churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and one licentiate.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 25, 1898, Theodore B. Turner.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1898, Walter Scott Lee;
April 25, Theodore B. Turner.

Ordinations:

April 12, 1898, Walter Scott Lee;
May 16, Theodore B. Turner.

Minister dismissed:

April 11, 1898, Rev. Elizur N. Manley to the Presbytery of Utica.

XIII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of thirty-one ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

January 25, 1898, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, and Rev. Joel C. Glover from the Presbytery of Cleveland;
April 18, Rev. George Nicholls from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
May 11, Rev. Erwin C. Hull from the Presbytery of Steuben;
June 27, Rev. H. Grant Person from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

January 25, 1898, James A. Laurie, Jr., from the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

Candidates licensed:

April 19, 1898, Samuel G. Palmer and James A. Laurie, Jr.

Licentiate received:

June 27, 1898, Edgar M. Smead, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 29, 1897, between Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, and the Church of Seneca Falls;
July 25, 1898, between Rev. J. Jones Laurence, and the Church of Canandaigua.

Ordinations:

May 11, 1898, Samuel G. Palmer;
July 1, Edgar M. Smead.

Installation:

June 27, 1898, Rev. H. Grant Person, over the Church of Seneca Falls.

Ministers dismissed:

December 23, 1897, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 26, 1898, Rev. J. Jones Laurence, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred:

May 11, 1898, James A. Laurie, Jr., to the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

Miscellaneous:

March 4, 1898, Rev. S. Seymour Phelps, was suspended from the ministry, until he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance;
March 14, Rev. Charles H. Lester, was suspended from the ministry, until he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

XIV. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of fifty ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1898, Rev. Robert H. Herron, from the Presbytery of New York; and Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 19, Rev. William C. Brown, from the Presbytery of Chester;
May 25, Rev. William M. Covert, from the Presbytery of Blairsville; and Rev. Thomas D. Elder, from the Presbytery of North River;
September 25, Rev. David Winters, from the Presbytery of Parkersburgh; and Rev. John W. Lowden, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

May 25, 1898, Robert Brewster Beattie;
September 20, Henry F. Hamlin.

Candidates licensed:

May 25, 1898, Robert Brewster Beattie, as a Local Evangelist;
September 20, Henry F. Hamlin.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 6, 1897, between Rev. James J. McMahon and Haverstraw First Church;
January 24, 1898, between Rev. Alexander D. King and the Hempstead Church; and between Rev. Thomas Gordon, D.D., and the Middletown First Church;
May 25, between Rev. Luther Littell and the Mount Hope Church; and between Rev. William M. Yeomans and the Unionville Church;
July 25, between Rev. Robert J. Diven and the Otisville Church;
September 20, between Rev. George T. Galbraith and the Liberty Church.

Ordinations:

December 28, 1897, Emmet Sloat;

April 19, 1898, James C. Coleman;
September 20, Henry F. Hamlin.

Installations:

December 28, 1897, Rev. Emmet Sloat, over the Mongaup Valley Church;
April 29, 1898, Rev. Robert H. Herron, over the Nyack Church;
May 24, Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman, over the Haverstraw First Church;
May 25, Rev. Thomas D. Elder, over the Montgomery Church;
September 6, Rev. William M. Yeomans, over the Washingtonville Church;
October 4, Rev. David Winters, over the Middletown First Church;
October 5, Rev. Henry F. Hamlin, over the Congers First Church;
October 11, Rev. John W. Lowden, over the Unionville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 24, 1898, Rev. Alexander D. King, to the Presbytery of Chicago;
March 17, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D.D., to the Presbytery of Washington City;
July 25, Rev. Robert J. Diven, to the Presbytery of North River.

Dropped from the roll:

December 6, 1897, Rev. Milton C. Hambly was deposed from the ministry and suspended from the church.

Deceased:

December 29, 1897, at Montgomery, Rev. James C. Forsythe, aged 72;
February 5, 1898, at Washingtonville, Rev. Joseph Greenleaf, aged 60;
March 20, at Florida, N. Y., Rev. David McLeod, aged 56;
April 27, at Haverstraw, Rev. Amasa S. Freeman, D.D., aged 75.

XV. The Presbytery of Long Island consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 5, 1898, Rev. James Bassett from the Presbytery of New York, Rev. William H. Lloyd from the Presbytery of Mattoon, Rev. William C. McKnight from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 28, 1898, between Rev. John M. Shippen and the Church of Shinnecock.

Installation:

April 28, 1888, Rev. William C. McKnight, over the Church of Greenport.

XVI. The Presbytery of Lyons consists of twenty ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Licentiate received:

April 20, 1898, John B. Funnell, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

June 1, 1898, John B. Funnell, as an Evangelist.

Dismissed:

April 19, 1898, Rev. George W. Newman, to the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. Amos T. Harrington, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Deceased:

June 1, 1898, Rev. Armon Spencer, at Newark, N. Y., in his 80th year.

Miscellaneous:

April 21, 1898, Elder Henry M. Clark, for 27 years Stated Clerk, died at East Palmyra.

September 21, 1898, Rev. Charles Ray was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

XVII. The Presbytery of Nassau consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 12, 1898, Rev. James Avery Norris, from the Classis of Westchester;

May 17, Rev. Samuel H. Seem, from the Classis of Philadelphia;

October 3, Rev. Albert L. Mershon, from the Classis of Raritan.

Licentiate received:

December 14, 1897, Azel Hull Fish, from the Grinnell Association of Congregational Churches.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 14, 1897, between Rev. B. Van Vliet Putnam and the Second Church of Huntington;

February 7, 1898, between Rev. Robert H. P. Miles and the Ravenswood Church;

March 7, between Rev. Charles Park and the Astoria Church.

Ordination:

April 27, 1898, Azel Hull Fish.

Installations:

April 27, 1898, Rev. Azel H. Fish, over the Islip Church;

May 5, Rev. Rockwood MacQuesten, Ph. D., over the Ravenswood Church;

May 11, Rev. James A. Norris, over the Glen Cove Church;

May 17, Rev. Samuel H. Seem, over the Second Church of Huntington;

October 18, Rev. Albert L. Mershon, over the Church of Astoria.

Ministers dismissed:

December 14, 1897, Rev. B. Van Vliet Putnam, to the Presbytery of Steuben;

March 7, 1898, Rev. Charles Park, to the Classis of Hudson.

Licentiate transferred:

April 12, 1898, Christoph Baur, to the Presbytery of Boston.

XVIII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and fifty-seven ministers and fifty-three churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

November 15, 1897, Rev. John P. Dawson, from the Presbytery of Monmouth;

January 10, 1898, Rev. Theodore W. Harris, from the Berkshire North Congregational Association;

May 9, Rev. William J. Oliver, from the Presbytery of Niobrara;

June 13, Rev. Irving P. Withington, from the Presbytery of Minneapolis;

October 3, Rev. Frank Edge Kavanagh, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Local evangelist received under care:

October 3, 1898, Charles Stelze, from the Presbytery of Minneapolis.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

May 9, 1898, Bendros R. Torossian and Carl Podin;

June 13, Julius Augustus Bewer, William C. Bebb and Henry S. Coffin.

Candidate transferred:

March 14, 1898, C. F. Voegelin to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates licensed:

May 23, 1898, John Campbell Neill, Robert J. Lockhart and Carl Podin;

June 13, Bendros Torossian;

June 20, Julius Augustus Bewer;

October 3, James Oscar Boyd.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 13, 1897, between Rev. William R. Harshaw, D. D., and the First Union Church;

January 10, 1898, between Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., LL.D., and the New York Church;

February 14, between Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D. D., and the Fourteenth Street Church;

March 14, between Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., and the Madison Avenue Church;

September 6, between Rev. John R. Davies, D. D., and the Fourth Avenue Church.

Ordination:

January 11, 1898, Hermann P. Faust.

Installation:

May 13, 1898, Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, over the First Union Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 15, 1897, Rev. M. J. Smalley to the Naugatuck Association of Congregational Ministers;

December 13, Rev. William R. Harshaw, D. D., to the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Frederick T. Steele, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

January 10, 1898, Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;

February 14, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D. D., to the Presbytery of Albany;

March 14, Rev. James Bassett to the Presbytery of Long Island;

April 11, Rev. Robert H. Herron, to the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Stephen W. Righter, to the Presbytery of Washington City;

May 9, Rev. Thornton B. Penfield, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

May 23, Rev. George Whitefield Mead, to the Presbytery of Boston;

September 6, Rev. John R. Davies, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

October 3, Rev. William J. Oliver, to the Presbytery of Westminster; Rev. Charles I. Junkin, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Licentiate transferred:

August 2, 1898, Robert J. Lockhart, to the Presbytery of Nebraska City.

Deceased:

January 30, 1898, at Ithaca, N. Y., Licentiate Samuel J. Parker;

March 19, in New York, Rev. Alexander McLean, D. D., aged 65;

April 20, at Nyack, N. Y., Rev. Augustus David Lawrence Jewett, D. D., aged 68;

August 9, in New York, Rev. George C. Lucas, aged 82;

September 4, in San Francisco, Cal., Rev. William M. Martin, aged 85;

September 17, at Bangor, Ireland, Rev. John Hall, D. D., LL. D., aged 69.

XIX. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 24, 1898, Rev. Duncan Cameron, from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev John C. Mechlin, from the Presbytery of Kittanning;

June 3, Rev. Joseph Hogg, from the Anoka Conference of Congregational Churches, Minnesota.

Candidate licensed:

June 3, 1898, Harry H. Barstow.

Licentiates received:

April 18, 1898, Samuel F. Sharp, from the Presbytery of Pittsburg;

June 3, Alfred F. Pratt, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 20, Edwin D. Hardin, from the Presbytery of Newton.

Ordinations:

June 3, 1898, Harry H. Barstow and Samuel F. Sharp;
June 21, Alfred F. Pratt;
October 4, Edwin D. Hardin.

Installations:

February 8, 1898, Rev. John C. Mechlin, over the Church at Middleport;
February 15, Rev. Duncan Cameron, over the North Church, North Tonawanda;
June 3, Rev. Samuel F. Sharp, over the Church at Holley;
October 4, Rev. Edwin D. Hardin, over the Pierce Avenue Church, Niagara Falls.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1898, Rev. John W. Ross, to the Presbytery of Rochester;
September 19, Rev. Harry H. Barstow, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Deceased:

July 2, 1898, at Albion, N. Y., Rev. Lewis B. Rogers, aged 62.

XX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of twenty-four ministers and fifteen churches, and has under its care three licentiates and four candidates. [Assembly Minutes, 1898.]

XXI. The Presbytery of North River consists of forty-six ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care two candidates and three local evangelists.

Ministers received:

October 7, 1897, Rev. John S. Ellsworth, from Susquehanna Association of Congregational Ministers;
September 1, 1898, Rev. Robert J. Diven, from the Presbytery of Hudson;
October 3, Rev. Curtis E. Long, from the Presbytery of Newark;
October 4, Rev. Henry Hansman, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidates licensed:

April 19, 1898, William Ashton;
October 4, Hurlon D. Sheldon and Charles B. Shaffer.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 19, 1898, between Rev. Thomas D. Elder, and the Church of New Hamburgh;
May 19, between Rev. Thomas D. Jester and the Church of Millerton;
September 1, between Rev. Herbert P. Woodin and the Church of Amenia.

Ordination:

October 11, 1897, Charles B. Tollman, as an evangelist.

Installations:

June 8, 1898, Rev. Thomas D. Jester, over the Church at Pleasant Plains;
September 1, Rev. Robert J. Diven, over the Church at New Hamburgh.

Ministers dismissed:

April 19, 1898, Rev. George Donaldson, to the Presbytery of Jersey City, and Rev. Thomas D. Elder, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
September 1, Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, to the Hampden Association of Congregational ministers.

Deceased:

April 8, 1898, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Rev. Robert M. Brown, aged 85 years.

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Minister received:

September 28, 1898, Rev. Edmund Grindal Rawson, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 28, 1898, J. Wallace Young.

Candidates licensed:

April 27, 1898, Charles McKenzie;
September 28, J. Wallace Young.

Licentiate received:

April 27, 1898, Nicholas S. Becker, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 1, 1898, between Rev. Robert I. MacBride and the Church of Cooperstown;
March 28, between Rev. George Reynolds and the Church of Richfield Springs.

Ordinations:

April 27, 1898, Nicholas S. Becker and Peter McKenzie;
September 28, J. Wallace Young.

Installation:

May 26, 1898, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker, over the Church at Otego.

Ministers dismissed:

March 22, 1898, Rev. Robert I. MacBride, to the Classis of Albany;

March 28, Rev. George Reynolds, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of sixty-five ministers, and forty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

October 14, 1897, Rev. Dorland N. Morden, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
January 3, 1898, Rev. Joseph B. Ferguson, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 23, Rev. John W. Ross, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 30, Rev. Amos T. Harrington, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

May 20, 1898, Charles Grenville Sewall;
September 20, Ranjit Singh.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1898, William D. Robinson;
May 20, Charles G. Sewall.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

December 1, 1897, between Rev. James S. Root, and Emmanuel Church, Rochester;
April 1, 1898, between Rev. Francis R. Wade, and the Church of Webster;
June 5, between Rev. George K. Ward, and the Church of Dansville;
July 31, between Rev. Edward Bristol, and the Church of Wheatland.

Ordination:

June 17, 1898, Charles Grenville Sewall.

Installation:

November 11, 1897, Rev. Dorland N. Morden, over Grace Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed:

January 3, 1898, Rev. Charles F. Hubbard, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 12, Rev. William Smith, to the Presbytery of Walla Walla;
September 20, Rev. John H. Elliot, to the Classis of New York.

Ministry demitted:

April 12, 1898, the request of Rev. John C. Henderson, to demit the ministry, was granted.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of thirty-six ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care five licentiates and five candidates.

Minister received:

April 12, 1898, Rev. Almon T. Fuller, from the East Coast (Florida) Conference of Congregational Churches.

Candidates licensed:

April 13, 1898, Elmer Russell and Joseph Van Doren;
September 27, E. C. Amy and F. A. Ingraham.

Licentiate received:

September 27, 1898, R. B. Stevens, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

July 18, 1898, between Rev. Samuel A. Hayt, D. D. and the Stone Street Church of Watertown;
July 18, between Rev. Allen M. McIntosh and the Church at Oxbow.

Ordination and Installation:

October 14, 1897, William A. Roulston, as pastor of the Church at Dexter.

Minister dismissed:

December 11, 1897, Rev. John H. Pollock, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Churches enrolled:

September 27, 1898, Clare and Sterling Pond.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of eleven ministers and nine churches, and has under its care two local evangelists. [Assembly Minutes, 1898.]

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care four candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

February 14, 1898, Rev. B. Van Vliet Putnam, from the Presbytery of Nassau;
May 10, Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, from the U. P. Presbytery of Caledonia, and Rev. Peter McKenzie, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 14, 1898, between Rev. Thomas Kerr, and the Atlanta Church;
May 10, between Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., and the Angelica Church.

Installations:

February 24, 1898, Rev. B. Van Vliet Putnam, over the Canisteo Church;
May 10, Rev. Peter McKenzie, over the Avoca Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 1, 1897, Rev. Duncan Cameron, to the Presbytery of Niagara;
February 14, 1898, Rev. Thomas Kerr, to the Presbytery of Chemung;
April 20, Rev. Erwin C. Hull, to the Presbytery of Geneva;

May 10, Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Chemung;
September 19, Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiate transferred:

April 20, 1898, Alfred F. Pratt, to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Deceased:

October 20, 1897, at Cohocton, N. Y., Rev. John Waugh, aged 83;
May 25, 1898, at Campbell, N. Y., Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., aged 88.

Churches dissolved:

April 20, 1898, Centreville and Hornby.

Miscellaneous:

May 10, 1898, Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, to succeed Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., dismissed to another Presbytery.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of forty-six ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

May 2, 1898, Rev. George W. Newman, from the Presbytery of Lyons;
June 23, Rev. William P. Stevenson, from the Presbytery of Titusville;
September 20, Rev. William L. Sawtelle, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

February 7, 1898, John Delmer Murphy;
April 11, A. J. Hoyt Fraser, Duncan Matheson and Jackson K. Buchanan.

Candidates licensed.

April 11, 1898, J. Delmer Murphy, Jackson K. Buchanan, A. J. Hoyt Fraser and Duncan Matheson.

Licentiate received:

October 3, 1898, Edward F. Green.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 1, 1897, between Rev. L. Mason Clarke and Park Central Church, Syracuse;
December 6, between Rev. Joseph Brooks Ferguson and the Jordan Church;
January 3, 1898, between Rev. Albert J. Abeel, M. D., and the Memorial Church, Syracuse;
March 7, between Rev. Henry H. Lipes and the Churches of Parish and Hastings;
April 4, between Rev. H. Grant Person and the Chittenango Church;
June 23, between Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne and the Fayetteville Church.

Ordinations:

April 11, 1898, George E. Stone, as an evangelist;
June 30, William H. Mason.

Installations:

June 29, 1898, Rev. William P. Stevenson, over the Park Central Church, Syracuse;
June 30, Rev. William H. Mason, over the Memorial Church, Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed:

November 1, 1897, Rev. L. Mason Clarke, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 4, 1898, Rev. H. Grant Person, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
April 11, Rev. William C. Matthews, to the Presbytery of Ebenezer; Rev. George Nichols, to the Presbytery of Geneva; and Rev. Hiram L. Hoyt, to the Genesee Association of Congregational Churches.

Licentiates transferred:

April 11, 1898, Robert B. Stevens, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
June 6, Duncan Matheson, to the Presbytery of Pembina; and A. J. Hoyt Fraser, to the Presbytery of Lunenburgh and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia;
September 20, J. Delmer Murphy, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Name dropped from the roll:

February 7, 1898, Rev. John B. Bell.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of forty-six ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates, one local evangelist and five candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 19, 1898, John Selby Frame;
September 20, Orrin G. Cocks.

Candidates licensed:

April 19, 1898, James Harvey Dunham and John Selby Frame.

Licentiate received:

April 19, 1898, William Ellis Williams, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

June 24, 1898, between Rev. Charles B. Atwood and the Church of Whitehall.

Ordination:

April 19, 1898, William Ellis Williams, as an evangelist,

Ministers dismissed:

January 24, 1898, Rev, Herbert C. Hinds, to the Presbytery of Albany;
June 24, Rev. Charles B. Atwood, to the Bennington Congregational Association;
September 19, Rev. Jacob G. Miller, D. D., to the Presbytery of Dubuque.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 18, 1898, William D. Mack, local evangelist, after he had joined the Rensselaer Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Edward W. Arms, Esq., has been elected Treasurer of the Presbytery.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of fifty-five ministers and forty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

October 27, 1897, Rev. Charles S. Barrett, from the Presbytery of Pueblo;

April 12, 1898, Rev. Elizur N. Manley, from the Presbytery of Genesee; and Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, from the Hampden Congregational Association.

Candidates received:

September 27, 1898, Zelotus W. Commerford and Edward Lucius Seymour.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1898, Herbert R. Burgess;
June 6, William W. Chambers.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 12, 1898, between Rev. T. Clinton Brockway and the Church at Vernon;

September 27, between Rev. Walter Mitchell and the Highland Church, Utica.

Ordinations:

May 20, 1898, Sherman W. Haven;
June 21, Anthony N. Petersen.

Installations:

April 19, 1898, Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, over the First Church, Utica;
June 21, Rev. Anthony N. Petersen, over the Church at Vernon.

Minister dismissed:

May 19, 1898, Rev. William J. Jones, to the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Licentiate transferred:

May 19, 1898, Herbert R. Burgess, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Dropped from the roll:

April 12, 1898, Rev. T. Clinton Brockway, at his own request.

Deceased:

September 14, 1898, at Oneida, N. Y., Rev. Eliot Hale Payson, in his 91st year.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of seventy ministers and forty churches, and has under its care ten licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

November 10, 1897, Gerhart A. Wilson, William Hart Dexter, Ph. D, Oliver C. Morse and Arthur W. Remington, from the Presbytery of Boston;

January 18, 1898, Charles B. Dye, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 19, 1898, Zelotus W. Commerford, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 18, 1898, between Rev. Frank A. Wales and the Pound Ridge Church;

April 19, between Rev. J. Ritchie Smith and the Peekskill First Church;

October 4, between Rev. John B. Appel and the Gilead Church; and between Rev. William Hart Dexter and the Springfield First Church.

Ordinations:

October 26, 1897, Frank R. Shepard;

April 19, 1898, Robert L. Jackson.

Installation:

October 26, 1897, Rev. Frank R. Shepard, over the Pleasantville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 18, 1898, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, to the Manhattan Congregational Association;

April 9, Rev. William N. Richie, D. D., to the Presbytery of Monmouth;

April 19, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Licentiate transferred:

February 22, 1898, Albert B. Scofield, to the Fairfield Southwestern Conference.

Candidates transferred:

February 19, 1898, Nicholas S. Becker, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

October 3, Zelotus W. Commerford, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Deceased:

April 8, 1898, at Perth Amboy, N. J., Rev. Elias S. Schenck, aged 85;

April 30, at Pasadena, Cal., Rev. William Life, aged 81.

Dropped from the roll:

October 4, 1898, Henry M. Brown, licentiate.

Suspension removed:

April 19, 1898, Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller.

Churches enrolled:

November 10, 1897, First Church of Holyoke, Mass., and First Church of Springfield, Mass., transferred from the Presbytery of Boston by the Synod.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,219	Licentiates	69
Churches	893	Candidates	107

II. PLAN FOR SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD OCTOBER, 1897, AND AMENDED OCTOBER, 1898.

The Synod of New York, in proposing a new plan for the care of its weak churches and mission fields, desires to conserve and promote the autonomy both of the Presbytery and the Synod within their respective constitutional limits; while at the same time it encourages the two to work conjointly, and causes the latter to supplement the efforts of the former.

In the conduct of this mission work, especially in the starting of any new churches, the Synod desires the due observance, on the part of Presbyterial Committees, of the principles of inter-denominational comity and co-operation, in order to the most economical and effective employment of men and money for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the bounds of the Synod.

I. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Each Presbytery shall have the entire care of this work within its bounds, subject to the following conditions:

1. Every church receiving aid shall, as far as practicable, be served by a regularly installed Pastor, contribute annually to all the Boards and Funds of the Presbyterian Church, and strive to the utmost of its power to become self-supporting.

2. Presbytery shall endeavor to group contiguous churches receiving aid, especially when there is no near prospect of their attaining self-support.

3. Ordinarily, Presbytery shall require the aid-receiving churches to contribute to the salary of the Pastor an amount equal to an average of not less than $6.50 per member. Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed only for a limited time, and upon a special vote of Presbytery.

4. If a Presbytery deems it desirable to appoint a missionary to labor in a destitute field within its bounds, where no church is organized, or to make an

appropriation for temporary supplies to churches where it may not be possible or advisable to maintain a Pastor, the Presbytery may include the amount thus required in its estimate for the ensuing year.

5. If for any reason a Presbytery fails to use the whole amount appropriated for its use, the balance shall be subject to the control of the Synod's Committee.

II. PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

To facilitate the care of the weak churches within its bounds, each Presbytery shall appoint a committee charged with the supervision of this work; said committee to be constituted, as far as practicable, with a view to permanence. This committee shall receive and consider all applications for aid, and, after personal conference with the Elders of the churches thus applying, shall recommend to Presbytery what churches shall receive aid, what amount shall be allowed them, and with what other churches they shall be grouped. Where there is no other committee charged with the duty, it shall also be responsible for all aggressive mission work within the bounds of the Presbytery, and shall report to Presbytery, for its action, what new fields shall be occupied, and what amount is needed to sustain the work within them. At the stated fall meeting of Presbytery, the Presbyterial Committee shall make a full report for the consideration and action of Presbytery, including in that report a list of the churches under its care that require aid, together with the names of their respective pastors, the amount which each church needs for its support, and a statement of the amount deemed necessary to expend upon its mission fields (see Section I, 4). The Stated Clerk shall forward a copy of this report, as approved by Presbytery, to the Chairman of the Synodical Committee, within one week after the action is taken.

III. APPLICATIONS FROM AID-SEEKING CHURCHES.

Every church desiring aid shall send an application to the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Missions of the Presbytery to which such church belongs, giving a full statement of its condition and relations, and of the amount needed to insure the support of its Minister. No church shall receive aid except as it secures the recommendation either of the Presbyterial Committee or of the Presbytery.

IV. REPORTS FROM AID-RECEIVING CHURCHES AND PAYMENTS THERETO.

It shall be the duty of each aid-receiving church, as well as of each Minister serving such church, and of each Missionary appointed by Presbytery to some mission field, to make a full report, on the first day of January, April, July and October, to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee; and upon the receipt and approval of such report the Chairman shall issue to such church, Minister or Missionary, an order on the Treasurer of Presbytery for the amount due for services to that date, except where the Presbyterial Treasurer has requested the Treasurer of Synodical Missions to remit directly to the individual Ministers, Missionaries or churches.

All subscriptions or donations secured in aid of any church aided by the Synod or in aid of the Minister or Missionary of such church, shall be reported by said church or Minister or Missionary to the Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Missions, and be by such committee reported to the Synodical Treasurer for the guidance of Presbyterial and Synodical committees in determining the amount of aid to be granted to such church.

V. SYNOD'S PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

The Chairmen of the various Presbyterial Committees, together with five Elders to be appointed annually by the Synod, shall constitute a Permanent Committee of the Synod on Synodical Missions. It shall be the duty of this committee to convene annually before the meeting of the Synod; to make an estimate of the amount needed to carry on the work of Synodical Missions for the ensuing year; to recommend to the Synod the amount each Presbytery shall be entitled to draw from this fund, and to suggest such methods as may seem best adapted to secure the required amount. Until the next meeting of Synod, it shall also have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of Superintendent or Treasurer. The chairman shall call a special meeting of this committee at any time, upon the request of any five members; but a representation from at least ten Presbyteries shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

The Superintendent and Treasurer of Synodical Missions shall be *ex-officio* members of the Permanent Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Permanent Committee of the Synod shall appoint an Executive Committee, which shall have power to act for the Permanent Committee in the interim of its meetings. This Committee shall make a full and detailed report of its actions to the Permanent Committee at its next meeting. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies therein, or among the five Elders especially appointed by the Synod.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT OF SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

At each of its annual meetings the Synod shall appoint a Superintendent of Synodical Missions, whose term of service shall date from the first day of November following, and whose salary shall not exceed $2,000 per annum and necessary expenses upon the field. He shall act in each Presbytery in co-operation with the Presbyterial Committee; and shall devote his time and efforts to the encouragement of weak churches, the procuring of Pastors or supplies for vacant churches, and the general fostering and development of the work of the Church throughout the State. He shall report his labors and their results to the Synod annually, to the several Presbyteries as often as practicable, and shall furnish such information to the Permanent Committee as that Committee may desire.

VIII. TREASURER OF SYNODICAL MISSIONS

At each of its annual meetings the Synod shall appoint a Treasurer of Synodical Missions, whose term of service shall date from the first day of

November following. It shall be his duty to receive and administer the funds contributed for this object, subject to the regulations of the Synod. He shall be required to give bonds, of the character and amount approved by the Executive Committee, at the expense of the Synod. He shall receipt to donors for contributions; shall deposit in some reliable bank the funds he thus receives, and on the third Monday of March, June, September and December he shall remit to the Treasurer of each Presbytery the quarterly installment due to that Presbytery, or, on the order of such Treasurer, he shall remit directly to the individual Missionaries, Ministers or churches.

On the first day of January, April, July and October, he shall pay to the Superintendent of Synodical Missions the amount due him to that date for salary and necessary expenses. He shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and disbursements and shall report the same to the Synod at its regular annual meeting; and shall pay such other items of expense as shall be authorized by the Executive Committee.

It shall likewise be the duty of the Treasurer to send notice to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee in each Presbytery that has not contributed its quota, and make request that prompt measures be taken to secure collection.

IX. APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERIES.

The Permanent Committee shall consider the reports of the Presbyterial Committees and recommend to the Synod the amount which each Presbytery shall be entitled to receive during the next fiscal year, such amount, however, to be subject to the conditions mentioned in the next paragraph. Immediately upon the adjournment of the Synod, the Stated Clerk shall notify the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees what action the Synod has taken with reference to their respective Presbyteries; and shall at the same time certify to the Treasurer of Synodical Missions the amount which each Presbytery is entitled to receive during the ensuing year.

In case there is not in the treasury the whole amount required therefor, the Executive Committee shall have discretionary power to apportion the money on hand among the Presbyteries, preference being given to those which shall have paid their quota. The Executive Committee shall also have discretionary power to withhold payments wholly or in part from Presbyteries that are largely in arrears.

X. FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of Synodical Missions shall begin with October 1st and end with September 30th next succeeding.

XI. ANNUAL OFFERINGS FOR SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

The Session of each Presbyterian church within the State of New York shall give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to the cause of Synodical Missions each year. The churches are hereby relieved from the contributions heretofore made through the Board of Home Missions to the New York "Synodical Aid Fund."

XII. APPORTIONMENT OF AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED FOR SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

At each of its annual meetings the Synod shall apportion the amount required for the next year among the several Presbyteries of the Synod in this State, according to the financial ability of each Presbytery, as indicated by its total contributions for all purposes as reported to the General Assembly during the preceding five years. The total amounts so assigned shall, in turn, be apportioned by the respective Presbyteries among the churches within their bounds in such a manner as they may deem equitable.

In order to enable the Synodical Treasurer promptly to pay the appropriations to the Presbyteries, and to facilitate prompt action upon approved applications for new work, it is essential that the contributions or offerings for Synodical Missions shall be made during October, November or December, in each calendar year, or as soon after January 1st as possible.

XIII. SCOPE OF THE PLAN.

This plan of Synodical Missions contemplates only those Presbyteries whose churches are chiefly within the limits of the State of New York, and does not include work among the Indians upon reservations in this State.

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Board of Trustees.

Term Expiring in 1899.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.,
Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.,
Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
H. Austin Clark,
Hubert C. Mandeville,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

Term Expiring in 1900

J. Sloat Fassett,
Seymour Dexter,
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Royal C. Clinton,
Solomon E. Smith.

Term Expiring in 1901.

Francis Hall,
William R. Rathbun,
John Stewart,
Henry C. Merriam,
Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B.

2. Board of Examiners.

Term Expiring in 1899.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

Term Expiring in 1900.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Prof. Philip M. Hull.

Term Expiring in 1901.—Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Rev. Daniel Mackay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

IV. THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. Willard J. Heacock, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. James Hyde Pratt, Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. William N. Strong.

Binghamton—Mrs. Junius J. Cowles, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Editha Stephens.

Boston—Mrs. S. F. Hershey, Mrs. Kenneth McKay, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson, Mrs. John P. Newell, Mrs. Robert W. Peach, Mrs. F. S. Le Bosquet.

Brooklyn—Mrs. James Cruikshank, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. William A. M. Grier, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. Darwin R. James, Miss Ella McKee, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Grace N. Thatcher.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred. R. Eaton, Mrs. Alfred Haines, Mrs. J. F. Miner, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler.

Cayuga—Mrs. Arthur S. Hoyt, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. Lydia B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise.

Champlain—Miss Williamine Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

Chemung—Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. William Pellett, Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Mrs. Stephen Rose.

Columbia—Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Rufus King.

Genesee—Miss Fanny J. Buxton, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Nahum Grimes, Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs. Benjamin F. Prichard, Mrs. Silas E. Persons.

Hudson—Mrs. Frances V. Boak, Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Mary Wood.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. William H. Littell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker.

Lyons—Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Mrs. S. S. Pierson.

Nassau—Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Ellen L. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William F. Lee, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. W. H. Wickham.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Miss Fannie Beakes, Mrs. Myra V. W. Brinkerhoff, Mrs. Leroy C. Cooley, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Mary F. Mackie.

Otsego—Miss Mary L. Abell, Miss Sarah Crandall, Mrs. Elihu P. Phinney Mrs. Leonard F. Richards.

Rochester—Mrs. Helen Bristol, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Levi Parsons, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester, Mrs. Carrie E. West.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. D. C. Griffith, Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith.

Steuben—Mrs. Joel D. Gillett, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. James O. Bennett, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. DeWitt Gardner, Mrs. I. B. Poucher, Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. Irving G. Vann.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Mrs. B. F. McNitt, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. R. Halstead Ward, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague.

Utica—Mrs. Anna L. Greenman, Mrs. Jonathan B. Morse, Mrs. William R. Terrett, Mrs. Ralph W. Brokaw, Mrs. Timothy Parker.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Mrs. Helen C. Parsons, Mrs. J. F. Pingry, Mrs. Daniel E. Provost, Mrs. John H. Randall, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Cornelia B. Wheeler.

V. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

CHAMPLAIN: Hiram W. Cady, *Treasurer*, Plattsburgh.

LYONS: Rev. Charles Ray, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Marion.

STEUBEN: Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Hornellsville.

TROY: Edward W. Arms, *Treasurer*, 514 Fulton Street, Troy.

VI. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., New York.

Term Expiring in 1899: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.

Term Expiring in 1900: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, Thomas G. Ritch.

Term Expiring in 1901: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., James Yereance, Charles Henderson.

Ex-officio: Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D.

VII. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
"	Howard Crosby, D. D.	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D. D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	Levi Parsons, D. D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	James Gardner, D. D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D. D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D. D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL. D., (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	Joseph Gamble, D. D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.	Binghamton	Elmira

VIII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod of New York, in account with T. Ralston Smith, Treasurer, for the year ending October 18, 1898.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
To		By	
Salaries of Temporary Clerks	$ 40.00	Balance from old account	$1,002.53
Printing Minutes of 1897, etc.	236.50	Receipts from Presbyteries	1,313.75
Rent of Office	225.00		
Envelopes for Minutes	4.50		
Railway Agent, Utica	11.00		
Safe Deposit Co.	18.00		
Postage, Mailing Minutes, Stationery and Incidental Expenses	101.96		
Salary of Stated Clerk	400.00		
Salary and Expenses of Permanent Clerk	151.50		
Balance to new account	1,127.82		
	$2,316.28		$2,316.28

Deducting bills outstanding, the available balance is $951.52.

IX. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Stated Clerk of the Synod before their names shall be substituted for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant. This sum shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall

be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

X. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Synodical Missions: William E. Stiger, *Chairman*, New York; Rev. Richard D. Harlan, *Secretary*, Rochester; Albert P. Stevens, *Treasurer*, 59 State Street, Albany; Henry W. Jessup, *Secretary of Executive Committee*, 30 Broad Street, New York.

II. Systematic Beneficence: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elders*—Francis A. Board, John H. Osborne.

III. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Allen Macy Dulles, Charles H. Baldwin, William F. Whitaker, A. Russell Stevenson; *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

IV. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, J. Ritchie Smith, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Henry M. Lester, James Yereance, John J. Tower.

V. Education: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson; *Elders*—John E. Meyer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

VI. Publication and Sabbath School Work: *Ministers*—A. Woodruff Halsey, John T. Wilds, John E. Adams, Daniel H. Overton; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, William McCarroll.

VII. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VIII. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Cornelius S. Stowitts, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson; *Elders*—William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn, William W. Smith.

IX. Freedmen: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, Marcus A. G. Meads, Edward W. Skinner.

X. Aid for Colleges: *Ministers*—E. Huntting Rudd, George Alexander, John E. Bushnell, Maitland Alexander; *Elders*—William E. Stiger, George H. Southard, James Talcott.

XI. Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Alfred J. Hutton, Warren D. More, Louis F. Ruf; *Elders*—Richard H. Bloom, Harry C. Heermans, Alexander Davidson.

XII. Temperance: *Ministers*—James Chambers, G. Parsons Nichols, James Gardner, Henry Ward; *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, George H. Southard, James H. Loomis.

XI. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

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